Heya Freshers!

Congratulations on your offers and welcome to Pembroke! My name is Carolina, and I’ll be your JCR President for this 2017/18 year! To briefly explain, the “JCR” is an acronym the ‘junior common room’ - this is literally a room just off of Old Quad (which is the first ‘courtyard’ you enter from the porter’s lodge) which is used for students to meet and to chill... however, “the JCR” is also the name used to describe the entirety of the undergraduate student body, which you are now a part of! The JCR committee is elected by the student body in the summer term (known as ‘Trinity’ term) and is made up of students in roles from that of Academic Representative to Environmental and Domestic Rep. (in charge of food - whoo!!)... together we all work together to represent the student body, working to implement initiatives/bring about changes/continue the work of previous committees with the fundamental aim of making life at Pembroke the best it can be for each and every student.

Each committee member has written a brief paragraph introducing themselves, and alongside the Freshers’ Helpers they will be on hand throughout your Freshers’ Week as your primary point of call to help you through with an incredible amount of collective energy and friendliness! - feel free to ask any of us for help with any issues or questions you may have at any point, from dealing with the ‘newness’ of Pembroke life, to which of Oxford’s food vans sell the best cheesy chips, or for a translation of Oxford’s very specific jargon...! I cannot express enough how open, friendly and caring this committee (and the entirety of the student body at Pembroke!!) is, and so please do not hesitate to talk to any of us if you need! Everyone here started off as a Fresher, and we can empathise that starting at Oxford can be a daunting experience - however, I can assure you that soon you’ll be marching round not only “owning” this college, but hopefully, really loving it as much as we do! Freshers’ Week is dedicated to making you feel as at home as possible, and we are all devoted to helping you start off your Oxford experience in the best way! - we’ll be putting on sessions throughout each day, and varied events too - quiet/loud, early/late, so that there’s something going on for everyone!

As your President this year, my aim is to “work with the JCR, for the JCR,” to ensure that the Pembroke experience is the best and most beneficial it can be for each student here, and so I will be working with the college’s Governing Body (made up of the Master and what my predecessor called the ‘big dogs’ of college!), the committee, and with the JCR throughout the year. For now, flick through this guide which has been put together so that you’ll be able to recognise us when you arrive in October, and to demystify and explain some key points of the Pembroke/Oxford life before you arrive, to give you a little kick-start with the transition! Most importantly however, take this summer easy! - you deserve to! Come October, a new and exciting experience is all yours to delve into and enjoy, and I am sure you’ll thrive in this college! Not only is everyone passionate about their subjects, but if it takes your fancy, there’s a whole host of activities running that you can add to your repertoire, too! From rowing - the races with our stellar teams are a highlight whether you’re on the boat or the bank - writing for the Pink Times (our own Pemb. paper!), getting involved in charity work, or our yearly musical, we’ll not only be able to help you really delve into your subject, but hopefully find some new passions too! We cannot wait to meet you, and I hope you’re having a really stellar summer! See you in Freshers’ Week!

Lots of love,
Carolina xxxx
Pembroke 101
★ Founded 1624 by King James I and VI, hence the thistle and the rose in our coat of arms, representing the union of Scotland and England.
★ Pembroke’s JCR is one of Oxford’s wealthiest, due to the sale of a Francis Bacon painting in 1997. The money raised still supports our impressive gallery.
★ Notable Pembroke alumni include Samuel Johnson (of dictionary fame), Tory Minister Michael Heseltine and King Abdullah of Jordan. Tolkien also wrote The Hobbit while a fellow at Pembroke.
★ Our college colours are pink & blue, and our mascot is the pink panther.

Pembroke’s Big Names
Lynne Brindley - Master
Nancy Braithwaite - Academic Director
John Church - Bursar
Mike Naworynsky - Home Bursar
Clive Siviour - Dean
Julie Dequaire and James Charlesworth- Junior Deans
Camilla Romaine- Academic Registrar
Lynn Wilkinson - Deputy Academic registrar / Student Support Advisor
Andrew Teal - Chaplain
Steve Capper - Head Porter and all round top lad
Hi I'm **Myah**! I'm a second year Philosophy and Theology student, and your **Vice President** for this year. My role is to organise dinners, allocate Art and Hardship grants, help support the President and rest of committee, and most importantly organise JCR meetings. JCR meetings are a great place to voice any concerns or improvements you have for Pembroke, as well as spending time with the rest of the college. There's also always free pizza, snacks and drinks making it the highlight of everyone's week! If you have any questions or would just like to chat - please don't hesitate to find me! I'm always around college and happy to help.

Hi! I'm **Izzy**, a second-year reading Spanish and French. I'm JCR **Secretary**, which means that I'll be spamming your inbox with notices, calls for motions and outcomes of meetings, so look forward to those. Motions are your means of implementing the changes you want to see in College, so if you have any questions concerning their submission or phrasing, drop me a message. I also plan and minute meetings, organise husts (elections) for positions on the Committee throughout the year, update the Constitution, and receive the glamorous title of ‘Returning Officer’ in Trinity, making sure handovers between Committees run smoothly. If you have any questions concerning our truly riveting Constitution, let me know!

Hi guys, we're **Ricky & Neil**, we study Economics and Management, and we're your **Treasurers** for the year. Our interests are pretty mutual, and involve football, rugby and doing a wasteman course. Throughout the year we'll be managing the budget for the JCR and deciding what and how much is spent in each area of Pembroke life, including sports, drama, and welfare. We're also in charge of receipts and levies so if you're in need of any financial stuff we're probably the ones you'll be in contact with. First year goes by incredibly fast - enjoy it while you can!

I'm **Rachel**, I'm a 2nd year Maths & Philosophy student and I'm your **Domestic and Environmental Rep**! Here at Pemb, freshers have to eat dinner in Hall 6 days of the week, so you'll spend a lot of time with college food. I'm here to make sure that any ideas or complaints that you have are listened to: whether you think ice-cream-Tuesday should be ice-cream-every-day, or your pasta is especially soggy, let me know. You can also contact me with any questions about Farthings, dietary requirements or signing out of Hall. I'm also here to help with any accommodation woes, including maintenance problems if you're not sure how to report them. Finally, if any of you feel strongly about the environment, come join me on my campaign to make Pemb more ecofriendly this year ❤️ xx
Hi! We’re Kate and Mike, second years studying Psychology and Maths respectively, and we are your Welfare Reps for this year. Our goal is to make all Pembrokians feel comfortable and happy during their time at Oxford. Along with our fellow peer supporters, we can offer you support in the form of a chat and/or hug, and we can also direct you to further support resources. We supply free condoms, tampons, welfare cookies and much more - just drop one of us a message if you're in need of any of these! Both of us have received training as First Responders to Sexual Violence, and in Michaelmas term we will become trained Peer Supporters. This year we are also responsible for running Welfare Teas, an opportunity for anyone to take a break from work and connect over a love of free food and drink! Feel free to message either of us at any time - all conversations with us/other peer supporters are confidential.

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Hi, I'm Graham a second year PPEist and I'm going to be your Access Rep for 2017/18. The role of the Access Rep revolves around supporting initiatives to increase applications from individuals from all walks of life to Oxbridge, and to ensure underrepresented groups are supported effectively by the college and JCR. I will email out twice termly access updates, and will also be looking to recruit Access Ambassadors in Michaelmas term. To keep updated on access the JCR access account on Twitter (@PembrokeAccess) and Instagram (@PembrokeJCR)!

Hi, I'm Sam, I study Economics and Management and I'll be your JCR Sports Rep this year. My role includes organising college sports events (such as a trip to Cambridge) and promoting sport within college. I also manage the sports budget so you'll probably be in contact with me over the next year so I can reimburse you for match teas (taken very seriously at Pembroke). Feel free to come to me with any ideas or questions about sport at Pembroke at any point - I'll be around for the whole of Freshers’ Week.

Hey we're Molly and Hazel the Music and Drama Reps this year **jazz hands**!! I (Molly) do music, and I (Hazel) do PhilThe and we'll be showcasing the top music and drama happenings this year! If music is your forte then come along to open mic nights and weekly lunchtime recitals; however, fellow thesps, if drama is more your scene then be sure to spot the drama club and get involved in wk 1 cuppers (props to anyone who sees it through, unlike us). Also, Pembs' musical is gonna B major so be sure to get involved. Essentially, there are about 24601 reasons to get involved with music and drama in college so we look forward to meeting you all!!

Molly & Hazel xx
Hi, we’re Lib and Hol and we are your Entz Reps!! Our vital role on the JCR committee involves organising BOPS and other fun stuff in college to ensure a healthy balance between the intense scholarly life that Oxford is famous for, and the jam-packed fun-filled social calendar that we students know and love. Though some may scoff at the Oxford party scene, we speak from experience when we say that here at Pembroke, you are guaranteed a good time. From each bop you can expect some free bevs, plenty of funky fresh tunes from our resident DJs, and as much boogying as your heart desires. Being quite the imaginative duo (as demonstrated by our team name, Lollybops), we are sure to come up with some super cool themes too.

Alongside bops, we work with local clubs to make sure you always know where to go for a good night out, and provide club night tickets and queue jump wherever possible.

And if nights out aren’t your thing, there will also be plenty of opportunities for more chilled nights in college to take some time away from work and have fun with friends!

We can’t wait to meet you all in Freshers’ Week and get to know you during the year. If you have any questions for us before then, please get in touch!

Entz love xxx
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Hiya! I’m Nafeesa and I’ll be your Raise-And-Give Rep (RAG for short)! I’m a second-year lawyer and my main responsibilities will be to organise charity events in college, both for RAG and charities chosen by the JCR. I can also help anyone organise their own charity events so if you have any ideas, drop me a message! I’ll also be organising a Charity Committee so feel free to come along and brainstorm ideas!

Hi, I’m Sydney and I’m a second-year music student, and am both your Art Rep and Gender Equalities Rep. As the latter, my job is to ensure that the college is a fair, equal and safe space for people of all genders. I am the chair of the Feminists (Pembroke Feminist) discussion group, who meet frequently throughout the terms to discuss a variety of relevant topics, such as masculinity and transphobia. My role also includes sharing Feminist events from across the university, such as Oxford Union events, as well as organising events in college such as film nights, and hopefully even concerts showcasing the work of female composers (did I mention I’m a music student??). Most importantly, I will be involved in the organisation of consent workshops and sexism workshops.

Please come to me if you want to host a Feminists session or if you have any questions or concerns! I hope students of all genders feel welcome at college, and get involved in the exciting and important discussions! Last but not least, join the Feminists Facebook Group ASAP ;)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/410179585803438/
Hey, we're Johannes and Wanda and we're your International Reps. The former is from Austria and is a 2nd year PPE student, and the latter from Germany is a 2nd Philosophy & Italian student. Our job is to make sure that everyone feels at home in this crazy place and to answer any questions you might have before or after moving to the UK. If you don't know how to fit your uni life into one suitcase, drop us a message and we can tell you what you really need. If you feel homesick our doors are always open and if you have any problems/a culture shock we can help you get through it. We'll also plan some great events for you to get to know each other and celebrate the cultural diversity in college. We're looking forward to meeting you and wish you all safe travels in October!
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Hey hey all, my name is Daniel/Dan/Devans and I'm your LGBT+ Rep for 2017/18!!! I'm responsible for running the LGBT workshops in freshers week, organising and keeping everyone updated on queer events around college, and trying to make Pembroke as welcoming for all LGBT+ identifying people as possible. As a gay nb person I know how difficult uni life can be for us queers and I'm here for any issues you may face at Oxford. As Rep I'm also responsible for being super gay, wearing colourful floral outfits, and watching bad reality tv (yay now you know me) xx

Hi, I'm Molly and I'm your Academic & Suspended Students Rep! I'm a second year English student from North Wales. This year I'll be working with the Subject Reps to ensure that you have a student-led support network for the academic side of your university life (which can be one of the toughest parts here), with a new Suspended Students Committee, and working towards making careers advice more accessible in Pembroke. I am also training to be a Peer Supporter, so I can act as a point of contact for any academic issues, whether issues with workload, tutors or merely a needed dose of studying motivation. I wonder if it's against the constitution for me to plug my studying snapchat account here(?) – but both online and offline, I genuinely love engaging with students about what comes between them and their goals, and equally I love sharing the realities of studying that is not all highlighters and pretty mindmaps. I think feedback is so crucial and so my role is to help get your voice listened to in the higher levels of college, so please don't hesitate to contact me by email molly.garnett@pmb.ox.ac.uk or snap me @studyontoast.
Hey friends! I'm Ebubechi, your Racial Ethnic Minorities Rep. I'm a 2nd year Pre-clinical medical sciences student who also plays a bit of netball, is one half of a renowned bop dj duo (s/o Soraya) and spends a weird amount of time in costumes (bops/JCR Santa/Pink Panther college mascot). I'm dedicated to ensuring all ethnic minorities at Pembroke have a shoulder to lean on, and helping you navigate things like tutors never quite grasping how to say your name, the lack of seasoning in hall food, finding the cultural society perfect for you, or just providing you with wholesome BMEmes for trying times. Coming to Oxford does not mean you have to change who you are or abandon your culture in order to feel accepted. Over the next year, I'll be working alongside the International Students Rep, as well as other members of the Liberation Council (LGBTQ+, Gender Equalities, Access and Disabilities Reps) to ensure that every JCR student has their space.

Hey everyone! I'm Soraya, both your Freshers' President and Publications Rep. As Publications Rep I mostly take care of the JCR's social media accounts & pages, as well as act as editor for the JCR Magazine, the Pink Times. My job as Freshers' President, meanwhile, is to organise and coordinate your Freshers' Week to make it the best it can possibly be, and allow you to have a wonderfully warm welcome here at Oxford. I'm from a wide-ranging background (Hungarian-Canadian, having lived in the US, Belgium, & Switzerland) so I have plenty of experience when it comes to moving and adjusting to new places. I hope to use this experience to make the transition into this new chapter of your lives as effortless as possible. For any questions or concerns, or if you'd just like a nice chat, please don't hesitate to come talk to me -- I hope to be a friendly face you can always approach!

Enjoy the rest of the summer - we can't wait to meet you!
Soraya xx (Soraya.kezelmann@pmb.ox.ac.uk)

A Position still to be filled in Michaelmas Term is OUSU Rep, and we will be re-husting for Art Rep soon as well, so there’s plenty of opportunities to get involved in the JCR!
Freshers Helpers

Your Freshers Helpers are here to help you during Freshers’ Week. If you have any questions about college, or you’re feeling lonely, or you just want a chat; they’re here to help accommodate you & make you feel welcome.

Ned
Molly
Adam
Megan
Immy
Ameya
Etienne
~Academic Life at Pembroke~

How will I be taught?
★ The key contact time you will have each week will be your tutorials, in which you and one or two other students meet with your tutor to discuss the week’s work.
★ All subjects have lectures, but while science courses also have compulsory labs, humanities subjects rely much more on independent study.

Where can I work?
★ Where can’t you work would be more of an accurate question!
★ With the largest library system in the UK, Oxford students are pretty spoiled for choice.
★ Pembroke has its own library (open 24 hours, which can be both a blessing and a curse), your faculty will have its own library, and of course there is the seemingly impenetrable fortress that is the Bodleian.
★ But don’t worry, you’ll have library inductions during Freshers’ Week so you’ll be a library pro in no time!
★ If you fancy doing some group work, or working in a library just isn’t for you, then you can also book a seminar room in college.

What is a Bod Card?
★ Your Bod card acts as your student ID and lets you into every university library.
★ Love it, treasure it, whatever you do, don’t lose it.

Who can I go to for help?
★ If it’s subject specific help you’re looking for, try asking your college parents for some parental wisdom. Also, your subject rep is always there to help!
★ The tutors themselves aren’t as scary as they seem (genuinely) and want you to do well, so don’t be afraid to ask questions.
★ If it’s library advice you’re after (the Bod can be a confusing place) then the librarians are always keen to assist.
★ Kate & Mike are our fantastic welfare reps and always around to support you if you’re feeling overwhelmed. There’s also a network of peer supporters in college you can contact. Moreover, there’s everyone on committee.
★ Also remember that the admin team in the Academic Office are a good starting point for any questions, and the Welfare Fellows can help if you want advice from an academic member of staff outside of your subject.
"A is for...

Academic review
...is an annual meeting with your tutors and the Master where they discuss your progress. They only last about 5 minutes and, provided you've more or less kept up with work, are nothing to be afraid of.

Aldates
1. The main road off which Pembroke is situated, also home to Christchurch (see below)
2. A pub local to Pembroke but not our actual 'local'.

“B is for...

Balls
Balls happen throughout the year and are most often hosted by colleges. They can be black or white tie, depending on how fancy it is. Pembroke hosts a ball every two years – the next is in 2018/2019.

Banter
A key Brit term for ‘generally good-natured teasing.’ It’s not unique to Oxford, but we’re damn good at it.

Battels
These are the bills you pay to college at the beginning of each term for accommodation, hall food, and utilities. Drinks at bops and at the Boat House during regattas can also be ‘bateled’ (it’s a verb too). It doesn’t feel like you’re spending real money which can be very good indeed but can equally be very dangerous...

Blue
Someone who plays for a University sports team (as opposed to simply a college one). Technically you have to have played in a Varsity match (e.g. against Cambridge) to acquire a Blue.

Bod
1. The Bodleian Library. Oxford’s biggest and most famous library, it holds every book ever published in this country, apparently. Books here are reference only, which can be handy if all the books on your latest reading list have been pillaged from faculty libraries by your course-mates - when it comes to books, Oxford’s a dog-eat-dog world.
2. Your Bod Card is your University Identification Card which gives you access to Oxford’s libraries (including the Bod, your faculty library and college library), proves you’re a student for discounts, and is something you should have on you at all times.

Books
Oxford libraries are (unsurprisingly) well stocked, so there’s no need to rush out and buy books. Also, all Humanities and Social Science students get a £100 book grant from the College in Year 1 and Year 3 to help with the cost of buying essential texts.

Bop
The name for a college-organised party. There’s always a theme which calls for a pre-closing time Primark run on the day where you’re highly likely to bump into some fellow Pembrokians doing the same.

Brookes
A few miles down the road from the city centre lies the ‘other’ university in Oxford. Brookes students are well-respected for their fun-loving nature which you can sample at any of the Brookes club nights.
**Budgeting**
Oxford is an expensive place. Beware because the end of the month tends to get tight financially. Many use apps to stay on top of their expenses.

“C is for...”

**Carfax**
The meeting point of four major roads in the centre of Oxford (St Aldates’, Queen Street, High Street and Cornmarket Street), on the corner of which is a 13th Century bell tower. Also an easy place to hail taxis.

**Cherwell, the**
1. Part of the river on which you can punt.
2. The name of one of Oxford’s major student newspapers.

**Christ Church**
It might have a Cathedral, Harry Potter may have been filmed there etc., but what they have in size and money, Pembroke’s got in charm, friendliness and unity. And for the record, they don’t own us.

**Collections**
Exams taken at the start of each term to make sure you’re ‘consolidating’ your work over the holidays.

**College parents**
Most colleges give freshers ‘parents’ – students in higher years who help you find your feet.

**Cowley**
Cowley, or more precisely Cowley Road, in East Oxford is where most of the 2nd and 3rd years who choose to live out of rent houses. A short bike ride from college, it has an eclectic mix of places to eat, drink and shop.

**Crew date**
Traditionally a boozy dinner between two sports teams, crew dates have evolved into a evening between any two groups of people (also subjects, societies, etc.) wishing to come together in good spirit. Beginning at a BYOB curry house, they usually move onto a college bar followed by a club (for those that make it that far, that is).

“D is for...”

**Dean**
Looks after the undergraduates at Pembroke – being ‘deaned’ means reporting to the dean to be disciplined.

**Don**
Refers to any of the following; fellow, tutor, lecturer, or professor.

“E is for...”

**Entz**
Abbreviation, ‘entertainment’ – college fun organised by the JCR Entz reps.

**Essay crisis**
The inevitable realisation that there aren’t enough hours in the day. Ideal remedy: coffee, chocolate, and Pembroke’s 24-hour ‘ladbrary’ – the McGowin library. It happens to all of us, and it’s not the end of the world (even though it might seem like it sometimes). You got this!!
Farthings Cafe

The social hub of Pembroke; Farthings is located in Rokos Quad and offers coffee, sandwiches, paninis, bagels, cooked breakfast and a variety of cakes. Great for a quick lunch, library break or just a general chat.

Food Shopping

Sainsbury’s, Tesco’s and M&S (oooh fancy) are all within two minutes of Pembroke, so get a nectar card and clubcard ASAP.

Formal hall

On Tuesdays and Thursdays you get more posh food served to you at dinner. There is, however, a choice to opt in or out of formal hall. Fellows often sit at High Table on these days (eating even posher food). The meal begins with grace and you must wear your gown. Sounds upright but they’re actually quite good fun. You can always play with the melted candle wax if the conversation doesn’t set you alight.

Gown

Unflattering bits of black cloth which are worn on Matriculation Day, at formal hall, for academic reviews and collections and a few other occasions. If you manage to get a First in your mods/prelims, you’re rewarded with a more expensive and flamboyant gown. May appear elitist but there are enough of us ‘commoners’ (that’s genuinely what the rest of us are called) to put those scholars in their place!

Hacks

People who are heavily involved in Oxford Union or OUSU politics. Often found loitering in the porters’ lodge around election time, luring potential voters with chocolate biscuits and a cheesy grin.

Hilary

The second term – spring term.

Ibis, the

1. The bit of the Thames where the termly rowing competitions take place and home to most Oxford college boathouses. Found just off Christ Church meadows.
2. A student magazine.

Jcr

1. The Junior Common Room is the collective name for anyone studying an undergraduate degree in the college. JCR meetings are held once a fortnight during term on Sunday evening in the common room. Any member of the JCR (undergraduate) can bring motions to the meeting, which are then discussed and voted on.
2. The large room designed as a central common room for the college, containing the pool table, boardgames, newspapers and magazines and some comfy-ish chairs. Ideal for procrastination.

Junior deans

Postgrads who perform an important welfare role, looking after undergrads, lending a sympathetic ear. Also involved with disciplinary matters in college.
“K is for…”

**Kitchens**
Kitchens are located in staircases 8, 9, 14, 16, 17, 18 and the Mac. Ovens can be found in 8 and 18, all other kitchens have microwaves and all except 17 have hobs.

“L is for…”

**Laundry**
Laundries are located in staircase 14 and the Mac, equipped with washing machines, tumble dryers, irons and ironing boards. The current cost is £2 for a wash and another £1 per 50 minute dry, and the machines only accept £1 coins so make sure you hoard up.

“M is for…”

**Marriage**
Throughout the year, freshers can propose to each other and get college married. Then, in your second year, you and your spouse become college parents to incoming freshers. It’s old Oxford tradition, but it’s fun. The JCR even hosts a marital ceremony in Trinity Term for the new couples.

**Master**
Head of Pembroke College – the big cheese.

**Matriculation**
On Matriculation day (Saturday of 1st week) you officially become a member of the University after a service spoken in Latin at Exam Schools. After the important stuff is over, it’s straight to the pub – hence the name Macriculash.

**Mayday**
Another excuse for a night out, the tradition is to go out the night before and stay up until dawn on the 1st of May to hear the Magdalen choir sing from Magdalen Bridge.

**Mcr**
The Middle Common Room consists of any graduate students based at Pembroke. If you're a 4th year undergraduate, you are also automatically part of the MCR, and can use their common room and go to their events too.

**Michaelmas**
The first term of the academic year – Autumn Term.

**Mods/prelims**
These are the First Public Examinations you take at Oxford which do not count towards finals, but are required to be passed in order to begin your finals course. The point at which you take these exams varies by subject, but most will complete them at the end of 1st year.

**Motions**
A great way to put forward new ideas, get your voice heard in college and mandate the JCR committee to act on your behalf, motions can be put forward by any undergrad. They can range from funding a party in the JCR to altering the catering services provided by college. Proposals are then voted for at the fortnightly meetings. Motions need to be submitted in advance of the meeting to the JCR Secretary.

“O is for…”

**Ousu**
Not to be confused with the Oxford Union, OUSU is the Student Union representing every student in Oxford, their headquarters are found in Bonn Square. See the OUSU website for more info on their roles and services.
“P is for...”

**Pidge**
Your pigeon hole in the Porter’s Lodge is where you’ll receive your battels bill, messages/essays from Tutors, and any standard post addressed to you. The wonders of pigeon post mean you can send stuff to anyone at any college in Oxford simply by putting their name and college on the envelope and handing it to the porter in the lodge.

**Plodge**
Shortened form of the ‘Porter’s Lodge’, you need your Salto card to enter the college through here in the evening and on weekends.

**Porter**
A series of porters man the lodge 24 hours a day. You can come to them if you’ve been locked out of your room, need to collect a package, wish to give in work to a tutor, or want a chat about the meaning of life.

“Q is for...”

**Quad**
A (normally) quadrilateral space in a college, usually with grass. In Pembroke we have several Quads - the more traditional Old and Chapel Quads, along with less conventional quads such as North Quad.

“R is for...”

**Rad cam**
Known as the Rad Cam, this is an extension of the Bodleian Library & houses History books.

**Rooms**
We’re extremely lucky at Pembroke that College can offer us accommodation for 3 years. Rooms are allocated into different bands with rent varying accordingly;
- Band A: Smaller room with sink (lowest rent)
- Band B: Medium sized room with sink
- Band D: Medium sized room with en-suite (most common room type)
- Band E: Larger room with en-suite
- Band F: Larger room with en-suite and double bed (highest rent)

**Rustication**
Temporary suspension from the University, usually as a result of a major disciplinary offence, poor academic performance, illness, a difficult family situation, or other personal reasons. Essentially you take a year out and re-start your course the next academic year.

“S is for...”

**Salto**
The key that lets you in and out of college and allows you into hall can also be topped up with money to spend in Farthings and the College Bar. This can be done via the Pembroke intranet.

**Scout**
The wonderful person who cleans your room once a week and empties your bin everyday. Comes with plenty of quirky/awkward encounters when they come into your room when you least expect. Worth staying in their good books as they can be very helpful.

**Scr**
The Senior Common Room consists of all the fellows associated with Pembroke. It goes without saying that you’ll want to maintain good relations with this lot...
**Student account**
May seem like an obvious one, but get it sorted now and thank me later. Perks like rail cards and Amazon Student Accounts are not to be missed.

**Sub-fusc**
The garb you’re required to wear for Matriculation and for any University examinations you take (not collections). It’s gender neutral, so just choose your preference:

1. One of:
   - Dark suit with dark socks, or
   - Dark skirt with black tights or stockings, or
   - Dark trousers with dark socks or dark hosiery
2. Dark coat, if required - worn underneath the gown
3. Black shoes
4. Plain white collared shirt or blouse
5. White bow tie, black bow tie, black full-length tie, or black ribbon.

On top of this you wear your **gown** and hold your **mortarboard** (until you graduate, when you can wear it!) or soft cap. Deals are available for mortarboards, white bows and gowns, bundled together for around £25.

**Summer eights**
In 5th week of Trinity Term, rowing fever descends on Oxford as the biggest rowing competition of the year takes place over 4 days, Summer Eights. An occasion for much merrymaking at the Boat House with Pimm’s galore. If you don’t row, be prepared for non-stop rowing chat! **Torpids** is its counterpart that takes place in Hilary.

“T is for…”

**Tab**
People from ‘the other place’ (Cambridge).

**Trinity**
The 3rd term of the year, worth the exam stress for the joys of a sun-drenched Chapel Quad.

**Tutorials**
Known as tutes, these are weekly sessions that are supposed to last an hour. In this time, you’ll meet with your tutor to discuss your work from the week before, and to cover new topics.

“U is for…”

**Union, the**
The Oxford Union is primarily the debating society, but they also invite world-class speakers and hold regular black-tie events. Life membership is £230ish, which sounds steep, and frankly is, but if you do join, make the most of what’s on offer.

“V is for…”

**Vac**
Short for Vacation, this is the Oxford term for holidays. Although you’ll be away from Oxford, this doesn’t necessarily mean you’ll be free from work!

**Varsity**
1. The term for any match between Oxford and Cambridge, the most notable of which is the Boat Race.
2. The largest student-run ski trip in the world, run every year for Oxbridge students. Chillingly cool, a once in a lifetime trip – watch out places will go fast at the beginning of Michaelmas.
Netball
If you’re looking for a relaxed and fun environment to socialise with people from all year groups as well as taking a break out of academic work and playing some sport, Pembroke netball is for you! After a mixed performance last year, we return feeling stronger than ever and positive that 2017-18 will be our year. PCNC is open to all abilities (I can actually admit to not having touched a netball since year 8 before coming here), and we play in a mixed league every week so boys are just as welcome as girls. This year we can promise some super fun socials/crew dates, starting with the traditional netball football crewdate in 1st week which is not to be missed! Also expect some cool stash and yummy snacks at games. There will be a taster session held in Freshers’ Week so please try your best to make it (but don’t worry if you can’t just message me to let me know you want to get involved) - hope to see you all there! Netball love, Libby xxxx (Captain)

Rowing
Pembroke College is known for having one of the best boat clubs in Oxford. This is not only due to our success in Summer Eights and Torpids racing but from having the largest number of boats on the water, as well as the largest and most enthusiastic crowd cheering us on. The boat club is a social, friendly and welcoming environment in which both experienced athletes and complete novices can Prosper. So whether you have rowed for years or never sat in a boat in your life, PCBC is the perfect place to test yourself physically or just try something new. You may even find that coxing is the activity for you - there is no better stress relief than shouting at a bunch of rowers to move the boat for you! Rowing is a fantastic team sport to get involved with at university; you keep super fit, socialise a lot, and make great friends.
Captains Molly Hall & Kieran Wachsmuth

Lacrosse
Hey! For those of you that don’t know, lacrosse is the sport where you have sticks with the net on the end; so basically a more fun game of hockey x catch. Mixed lacrosse at Pembroke is super chilled but also very fun without a large time commitment so is a great way to have fun once a week and make new friends! Lots of people are apprehensive about playing since they have never played before but it’s ok because none of us have really and neither have any of the other colleges so it’s a great opportunity to try something new with no pressure (also if that’s not enough food is provided for each match ). Please message me if you have any questions and see you on the pitch!!
Esme Wilson
Captain

Rugby
Coming off the back of a well-deserved double promotion last season, PCRFC is looking forward to an exciting new year. We welcome players of all abilities and pride ourselves on being a very inclusive team! With the right dedication and attitude, we look set to continue our winning ways and hopefully bring some silverware back to college!
Owen Crush, Captain

Football
Anyone is welcome to play football at Pembroke - our 1st and 2nd football teams have players ranging from the Oxford Blues Football Captain to people who have never kicked a ball in their life. Our first team fell just short in the 16/17 season, finishing fourth in the JCR first division and reaching the quarter finals of the cuppers competition. A new season lies on the horizon and our players are hungry to do better this year. More information/ sign-ups at the college Freshers’ fair! Sam, 1st team captain

Sport at Pembroke
Showcased above are the college sports teams. If a higher, more adversarial level of sport is your thing (or you don’t see your sport here) there’s always the opportunity to try Uni (Blues) Sports!
Where to go...

It may not be a huge city, but Oxford has loads to offer. Whether you're looking for a cheap bite or a gastronomic experience, an evening of classy cocktails or an afternoon in the pub, watching a play or having a walk in the country, Oxford's got it covered.

1. A 30 second walk from college and open till midnight, G&Ds ice cream shop is the place to be if you're a Pembrokian.
2. Covered Market - full of quirky little shops and cafes (Moo Moo’s Milkshakes & Ben's Cookies are a must).
3. Tesco - open until 11pm, only a 2min walk from Pembroke.
4. Sainsbury’s - more limited opening hours but a bigger store - also only a 2min walk.
5. M&S
6. Larger supermarkets are located near St Giles, at the end of Cornmarket.
7. Cornmarket - the pedestrian street that links St Giles with St Aldates. It’s the home of many essentials, from Boots and WH Smith to Pret and Itsu.
8. Gloucester Green - the markets on Wednesday, Thursday and weekends are ideal for second hand clothes, fresh fruit + veg and delicious street food. Also the place to buy a solid £5 pizza.
9. Cowley Road & Jericho - opposite ends of Oxford and further walks from Pembroke, but worth it for the delicious cuisines that these areas have to offer.
11. Christchurch Meadow is literally on our doorstep if you're in need of some green space, or go further afield to Port Meadow – perfect for a swim when it gets warmer towards the end of Hillary Term.
Going out in Oxford

Cellar
- Located on Cornmarket, just a couple minutes walk from college
- Well known for its sweaty atmosphere
- Bops often there
- Wednesday nights are popular in Pembroke for Burning Down the House – a night of old school 80s tunes

Bridge
- Thursday Bridge is the most popular night in Oxford, and never usually disappoints
- Pembroke last year was known for great turnout
- Has 4 rooms/areas as well as a spacious outdoor smoking area
- Always packed, so make sure to get there early to avoid queues (best way to do it is to buy a ticket early & go through Anuba, the adjoining bar)

Plush
- Oxford’s only gay club, & the club with the cheapest drinks. What’s not to love?
- Renowned among students for Haute Mess on Thursday nights, when many club-goers adorn creative out-there outfits
- Fridays & Saturdays are also popular

Park End
- Its real name is Atik, but everyone calls in Park End (its old name, + its located on Park End Street!)
- Has 3 rooms
- If you want a night of solid cheese & VKs, this is your place
- Oxford’s night is Wednesday, when Encore holds Fuzzy Ducks night – when all the Blues sports teams are out

Emporium
- At the backdoor of Pembroke, sometimes Bops are here
- Holds Bubblegum of Fridays nights, and sometimes artist nights (i.e. Kanye & Drake) where their hits are played on repeat
The Bullingdon/O₂
★ These clubs are a bit further out from Pembroke in Cowley, but the walk is doable with friends and possibly booze to keep you company
★ Many cool DJs often come to play here, making great one-off nights
★ Renowned for underground house/DnB

Fever
★ Not too far, newly redesigned, & already established as a night of enjoyable cheese
★ Also a Pemb Bop destination

Best of all – Bops!
★ These are College parties held several times a term
★ Ours are usually at various clubs around Oxford on Monday nights
★ Fancy dress is a must!!

Prefer Pubs to Clubs? You're in the right place! Oxford has a plethora of pubs & bars, both old and new.

• The Blenheim (right behind Pemb)
• The historic Turf Tavern, or Kings Arms (both near the Rad Cam)
• Lamb & Flag (St Giles)
• There's also 2 Wetherspoons, regularly frequented by Pembroki ans
• The White Rabbit (+ has good, cheap pizza as well)
• Slug & Lettuce (by Oxford Castle)
• The Varsity Club (Covered Market; great panoramic rooftop terrace)
• Raoul's (Jericho -- a trek, but worth if for the specialty cocktails)

Less of a Night Owl, more of the Café type? Here are a couple of notables:

• The Missing Bean (Turl Street)
• Turl Street Kitchen (Turl Street)
• The Handle Bar Café & Kitchen (no laptops after 11am)
• Organic Deli Café – Great vegan options (Friars Entry, off of Cornmarket)
• Jericho Coffee Traders – Small but great coffee (High Street)
• Vaults & Gardens – Wonderful Scones (Just across from the Rad Cam)
• Café Loco (A minute from Pemb, down St Aldates)
Oxford is a wonderful place, and outside of working, pubbing and clubbing, sports, etc., it’s a city of culture with many alternative entertainments to explore if you have time.

The Ashmolean Museum has some of the best art collections in the country, while the Pitt Rivers Museum covers all things natural history. If dinosaurs aren’t your thing, head to the Modern Art Gallery, just across the road from Pemb.

For any budding thesps among you, there is a huge number of student productions each term, from high drama to lawn plays, perfect for spectators and performers alike. More professional productions can be found at The Oxford Playhouse - a bit more pricey than a student production but usually worth it. The Odeon Cinema is also only a stone’s throw from Pembroke, or if you fancy something with a bit more edge, then the Phoenix Picturehouse in Jericho shows a mixture of mainstream and art house.

If it’s live music you’re after, then the O2 Academy in Cowley usually hosts the biggest bands that come to Oxford, although there’s also a few smaller venues in the city centre. For the foodies amongst you, Oxford has loads to offer. G&Ds is literally about 10 steps from college and is open till midnight, which means ice cream, bagels and coffee (e.g. all of life’s best things) are always readily available. The Art Cafe and Mission Burrito are also Pembroke favourites for a quick bite, while Old Tom Pub on St Aldates (surprisingly) does some great Thai food.

Outdoorsy pursuits are also not in short supply, Christchurch Meadow is just across the road and is perfect for a run (or leisurely stroll, let’s be honest). In Trinity term you can also hire one of Pembroke’s two punts (for free) and go for a paddle along the river.

There’s countless other ways to entertain yourself in Oxford and you’ll certainly never be bored. Be sure to make the most of it.
Checklist:
- ID
- Bank details
- Student loan paperwork
- National Insurance Number
- Fancy Dress
- Sub fusc - gown, mortar board, dark suit / skirt / trousers, black shoes, & black bowtie/tie/ribbon
- Posters, pictures, decorations etc
- Plates, glasses, cutlery, bottle/tin opener etc
- Duvet, pillows, bed linen, towels
- Washing powder
- Laptop
- Chargers
- Doorstop
- Bike
- Pens & pencils
- Highlighters
- Post it notes
- Stapler, hole punch
- Ruler
- Lined paper
- Ring binders
- Kettle
- Small medical kit - plasters, painkillers etc
- Printer, whiteboard (not essential but can be handy)
- Pins for pinboard in room
See you soon!