

## Undergraduates Arrival and Registration

This document gives you the dates and times you should arrive at College.

**Further information regarding registration will be sent to you in due course.**

### Arriving at the College

Unless you have already agreed an early arrival with the Accommodation Manager for self-isolation or another purpose, you should arrive on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021** between 9am and 2pm.

#### **Undergraduate Freshers arriving on 3<sup>rd</sup> October:**

Whether you are arriving by car or by taxi, you should approach the College via the main entrance off Pembroke Square (see directions below). You will be directed into the 'North Quad' (which is the area of College where all of our Undergraduate Freshers live) and shown where to park.

Please ensure you and any family members comply with any Covid-precautions in force at the time. Due to the operational challenges of managing all our students' safe arrival into college, we strongly encourage you to limit the number of family members accompanying you.

You will be greeted by a member of the Junior Common Room (JCR) who will welcome you to Pembroke and show you to your room.

As we have a large number of Freshers arriving on this day, it is **essential** that vehicles are unloaded and are moved to the nearest public car park. To assist with this, a small group of JCR helpers will be ready to help unload your vehicle and carry boxes to your room.

Please ensure that the driver stays with the vehicle at all times and does not help carry belongings to your room. As soon as your vehicle is empty, you should follow the one-way system and move your car to the nearest public car park (see further information below).

To ensure a safe environment for all and to limit the number of students unloading at one time, we may ask you to wait in your car on Pembroke Square until there is space for you to unload safely. Please bear with us and follow the instructions of the Porters and other College staff.

We plan to have a couple of talks for family members to attend to ask any questions they may have. Timings for the talks will be published nearer to the time and will be subject to any limitations in force at that time.

## Undergraduate fresher early arrivals

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If you are arriving from a country that requires you to undertake a period of self-isolation, you need to stipulate this in the [Freshers' Information Form](#) by 16<sup>th</sup> August. Following this, the Isolation Coordinator will be in contact with you regarding your arrival at Pembroke and to confirm arrangements for your period of self-isolation. If you have any questions about your self-isolation, please refer to this [document](#).

When you arrive at Pembroke, please comply with any requirements in place at that time. You will be shown or directed to your room, your pack containing your room license agreement, your room keys and your College access card will be waiting for you.

### Directions to Pembroke:

You can find a map and tips for getting to Pembroke [on our website](#). Oxford has excellent road and rail links, and is not far from major airports. Pembroke is in the centre of the city, with public transport nearby.

If arriving by car you will probably enter Oxford along either A420 Botley Road/Oxpens Road or A4144 Abingdon Road; in either case take care to follow the various traffic restrictions and one-way signs, which can be quite confusing.

**Approaching along Abingdon Road (A4144) from the South and West (via the Ring Road).** After crossing Folly Bridge you will be on St Aldates but will now be taken on a slightly circuitous route by the City's traffic system. You must turn left onto Thames Street and then right at the first traffic lights onto Speedwell Street, turning immediately right again (still Speedwell Street). At the end of Speedwell Street turn left, rejoining St Aldates. As you reach the very obvious landmark of Christ Church College's 'Tom Tower' on the right, Pembroke is (rather less ostentatiously) on your left and you should turn immediately left into Pembroke Square. Please watch carefully for pedestrians.

**Approaching along Botley Road (A420) from the East and North (via the Ring Road).** After going under the railway bridge, go straight over the first mini-roundabout, then right at the second mini-roundabout, and right again at the final mini-roundabout immediately afterwards – following signs to the ice rink and Westgate Shopping Centre helps. This road turns into Oxpens Road and then becomes Thames Street. Take note of signs for the Westgate car park (left) or Oxpens car park (right – just before the ice rink) as we suggest you park at one of these car parks after dropping belongings at the College. At the second set of traffic lights (not including pedestrian crossings) turn left onto Speedwell Street, and then immediately right (still Speedwell Street). At the end of Speedwell Street turn left, onto St Aldates. As you reach the very obvious landmark of Christ Church College's 'Tom Tower' on the right, Pembroke is (rather less ostentatiously) on your left and you should turn immediately left into Pembroke Square.

## Nearby public car parks:

In Oxford parking can be tricky. There is NO on-street parking close to the College and the approach road to the College (Pembroke Square) is very narrow and quickly becomes congested on the day that Freshers arrive.

To ease matters a one-way system is put in place, where vehicles enter via Pembroke Square, unload in the North Quad and then exit via Beef Lane onto St Ebbes Street.

There are two public car parks nearby; the Westgate car park or the Oxpens car park, and both are about a ten-minute walk from the College:

Westgate car park: OXI ITR

<https://westgateoxford.co.uk/your-visit/getting-here>

Oxpens car park: OXI IRQ

<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/oxpenscarpark>