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, 4th October 2020 between 8am and 4pm.

Undergraduate Freshers arriving on 4th 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 up.

Please ensure you and any family members wear a face covering, use the hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing of at least 2 metres with all Pembroke staff and students at all times. 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 at this time.

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. To ensure the safety of all, helpers will ensure social distancing is maintained and will be wearing a face mask and gloves at all times (mask and gloves will be replaced at regular intervals throughout the day).

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.

Freshers’ will be kept busy sorting out their new rooms and reading the information provided in the welcome packs during the afternoon. You will be asked to attend a mandatory welcome talk to enable you to meet your households during the afternoon and ask any questions. The time of your talk can be found in your welcome pack.

**Undergraduate fresher early arrivals:**

Whether you are arriving by car or by taxi, you should approach the College via the main entrance off Pembroke Square (see directions below).

If you arriving from a country that requires you to undertake a 14-day period of self-isolation, you will be (or may already have been) contacted by Rachael Dean, Deputy Home Bursar, 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 or if you cannot find the answer to your question in the document contact Rachael on bookings@pmb.ox.ac.uk.

On the day of your arrival, please contact the Lodge on 01864 276444 when you are one hour away to advise us of a more accurate arrival time.

When you arrive at Pembroke, please ensure you are wearing a face covering and enter at the Porters Lodge. There is hand sanitiser dispenser outside the Lodge which you should use and one of our Porters will show you to your room where your pack containing your room licence agreement, your room keys and your College access card will be waiting for you.

**Directions to Pembroke:**

If you are arriving from outside the UK please do read the attached guidance.

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. For maps click here.

**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:** OX1 1TR

[https://westgateoxford.co.uk/your-visit/getting-here](https://westgateoxford.co.uk/your-visit/getting-here)

**Oxpens car park:** OX1 1RQ

[https://www.oxford.gov.uk/oxpenscarpark](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/oxpenscarpark)