**Vacation Arrangements in College**

**From January 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2021**

Main text

Please see below for a reminder of the arrangements in place in College from the 2nd January, with contact details, along with additional information regarding testing can be found below.

Further information will follow in regard to Hilary Term as soon as possible.

**Lodge**

The Lodge will continue to be staffed 24/7 and parcels and post will be received as normal.

Please remember that we still cannot accept visitors in College and that you should email the lodge team with routine questions rather than popping in.

**Library**

The College Library will continue to be open 24/7 for private study and to borrow books.
Books can still be borrowed and returned using the self-issue, but the Click & Collect service will be suspended until 4th January.

From January 2nd you can use your SALTO card for access as usual.

**Hall Meals**

A charge of £6.60 per day will apply for those who are in residence prior to the start of term.

As during term, this will include breakfast and dinner Monday – Friday, with brunch and dinner at weekends. Lunch will continue to be available on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Note that the times for meals will be as follows from January 2nd:

- Breakfast (Mon – Fri) 8.30 to 9.30am
- Brunch (Sat & Sun) 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Lunch (Mon – Fri only) 12.00 to 1.30pm
- Dinner (7 days) 5.30 to 6.30pm

**Farthings**

The café will re-open from Monday 4th January for takeaway during the vacation, but with shorter hours.

Farthings hours will be Monday – Friday 8 am to 2.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm.

Due to the reduced number of students on site the Tuesday and Friday evening service in Farthings will be suspended until Friday 15th January.

All catered meals will be provided in Hall (see above)
Welfare

There will be reduced welfare capacity during the vacation. There will continue to be opportunities to join virtual coffees, please do see the welfare pages on the intranet for advice.

Return to usual welfare provision will begin in 0 week.

Academic Office

The team will return to work on January 4th. If you have questions you can contact the team by email and they will pick up on their return.

Accommodation

Scouts will continue to clean communal areas during the vacation, and to empty bins when left outside student rooms.

IT and Maintenance

These services will continue from Monday January 4th as normal. You can continue to register IT needs with their inbox and to log maintenance requests online for the team to address on their return.

Isolation support

We will continue to operate a support service for anyone who needs to self-isolate while waiting for a test/result, in the event of a positive result or because of a case in
your household. Our Isolation Coordinator or the team in the lodge will provide advice as needed and meals will continue to be delivered to those on catered contracts who are in isolation.

**Covid Testing**

The University’s Early Alert Testing service will re-open from Monday 4th January for students and staff who have symptoms of coronavirus.

If you need to book a test please do so online, self-isolate immediately and let the College know via the lodge.

If you develop symptoms before the 4th, you will need to book a test via the NHS and alert the Lodge.

**Preparation for Hilary Term**

Further information will follow in regard to Hilary Term arrangements as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please be mindful that some of your peers will be returning to College, possibly from overseas to complete their period of quarantine or from other tiers across the UK. The College has robust systems in place to support everyone in their return and if you have any queries or concerns, please reach out.

All students will have the opportunity to take part in Oxford University’s Coronavirus Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing programme prior to Hilary Term beginning.

You may collect a test kit from the Lodge – unlike the Christmas Travel Tests Programme, there is no need to book a test kit.
The tests are intended for everyone – even if you have recently received a negative COVID-19 test result, but they are voluntary.

We strongly recommend that you take the tests and help us stop the spread of COVID-19. This will help to protect the College community, your household and your tutorial/class colleagues, as well as the teaching and domestic staff on whom we all depend.

Large numbers of students taking the tests will reduce the spread of COVID-19 across the whole community, help protect vulnerable people and minimise disruption in Hilary Term.

You should take the first test on Saturday January 2nd on your return to your usual household, your second three days later, and your third seven days after your second test.