

MERTON MCR

FIRST DAYS CHECKLIST 2019

Welcome to Merton! Here is a checklist which should prepare you for your arrival. It supplements information in our **Freshers Guide**, and the college intranet.

BEFORE ARRIVING

To Pack:

- Your letters of acceptance from the University/Faculty/College
- Bank statement (if opening a new account here)
- Proof of stipend/funds (for your bank)
- Some cash to cover the time between arriving in Oxford and having your bank account set up (it can take time)
- Your internet-registered laptop (instructions will be published on the Freshers' Intranet site soon)
- Bedding if living in college accommodation and a towel
- Coathangers (if needed)
- Induction pans/pots to use in the kitchens
- A dark suit or skirt and white shirt or blouse to wear with sub fusc ([more info here](#))
- Clothes and a few formal clothes (jacket and tie or equivalent)
- Prescriptions, driving license, passport-sized photos

Check:

- Your University student contract has been sent in, so your University (Bod) card can be made and will be ready for you to collect
- You've completed Student Self-Service registration
- You've set up your Oxford Nexus email account (where we'll contact you)
- You've joined the Merton Freshers' Facebook group (optional), or made contact with me at **mcr.president@merton.ox.ac.uk** with any queries

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Go to...

- Holywell Lodge (7 Holywell Street, OX1 3SA) to introduce yourself to the porters and collect your room keys. If you're living in Couples Accommodation go to the main lodge (Merton College, OX1 4JD)
- The gazebo in Holywell if you want help from Committee members to carry bags etc.
- Your room and unpack
- Holywell quad at 3:45 PM that day (or another day from 30th September – 4th October), at which time a Committee member will lead you on a tour, show you where everything is, and take you to the **Academic office** to complete registration.

REGISTRATION & COLLECT BOD CARD

You'll need to be registered by the Academic Office when you arrive (even if you're not living in College accommodation) and collect your bod card. This usually takes place on the daily tours. If you're an international student you must bring your **passport** and **visa**.

FIRST DAYS IN OXFORD

FRESHERS WEEK

We've organised a lively timetable to welcome you to College, which will be on our [calendar](#) soon. Events are organised by the MCR, Merton, faculties and sometimes your funding body too. Make sure you prioritise mandatory events. For optional events it's great to attend whatever you can (they're really fun), but everyone's experience of Oxford is their own – don't be alarmed if orientation timetables clash or you don't fancy coming to an optional event!

INTERNET

There are two main Wi-Fi networks in college and across the university. The easiest one to access is **The Cloud**. You'll need to create a Sky Wi-Fi account which you can use to log-in. More info can be found on the [Sky Wi-Fi webpage](#). However, you will need to log-in to The Cloud every time you use it, so whilst it's great for getting online quickly you'll also need to set up **Eduroam**, which is the university's Wi-Fi network.

Eduroam may need to be configured before you can use it. Full details on how to set up Eduroam on all your devices can be found [here](#).

BANK ACCOUNT

It might take a while to open an account. You'll need a bank statement and print-out of your enrolment certificate, which you can [download here](#) and get signed and stamped by Julie in the Academic Office at Merton.

BICYCLE

You may or may not need a bike to get around Oxford. Most Merton grads who live in College accommodation will find themselves close to the centre of town – but if you need one see the [bike buying guide](#) on the MCR website.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Advice is available [here](#) – note especially the information on obtaining a visa and a bank account. Consider contacting Committee members with any queries (quite a few of us are from overseas).

If you have any further questions, email mcr.president@merton.ox.ac.uk, or check out other Committee email addresses on the MCR website. We'll be checking in with the Merton MCR Freshers 2019 Facebook group often, so don't hesitate to post queries there – we'll answer them happily!

See you in Holywell soon,

India Morris

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