



Christ Church AT A GLANCE

Central. Supportive. Accommodation guaranteed. Meadow

Christ Church is...a sense of community. There's enough of us for there to be variety and a lot of people to meet, but at the same time I really feel at home here.

Sarah

Christ Church is...having supportive tutors who challenged me when I understood the material, but also helped me when things didn't make sense.

Patricia



Number of undergraduates:

Around 130 first-year undergraduates join Christ Church every year.

In total we have about 450 undergraduate students.

Location:

On one side of Christ Church you have the city centre: we're right across the street from an ice-cream parlour and under five minutes away from Oxford's shopping centres and supermarkets. Most faculties and departments are within a ten- or fifteen-minute walk, or an even shorter bike ride.

On the other side of the College we have the river and the Christ Church Meadow, with its Longhorn cattle and deer grazing - it's perfect for a run or for taking our Welfare Coordinator's dog out for a walk!



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Accommodation: Christ Church undergraduates can live in college accommodation for the whole duration of their course. All rooms cost the same and you only pay rent for the time you spend in Christ Church. For an eight-week term (58 nights) the cost in 2020-2021 was of £1,465.66, including all utilities. UK and ROI students from lower income households can have up to 50% discount on accommodation. Rooms in college are modern, comfortable, and spacious and they all have a bed, wardrobe, desk, coffee table, armchair, wash hand-basin, shaver point, and fridge. A large number of rooms have showers and en-suite bathrooms, including most first-year rooms. Most accommodation is on the main college site (including all first-year accommodation), but some students live in modern self-catering college flats a short walk away across the Meadow. Single rooms for disabled students are available on the main college site and there is also a flat that is equipped for up to three disabled residents. Accommodation highlights: From second year onwards, some students choose to live in 'sets', meaning that they have their own bedroom, but share a living room with a friend. Some lucky students have rooms with balconies overlooking the Christ Church Meadow. Music students get to have a piano in their room!

Information about catering: Christ Church offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day for students who would like to eat in Hall (aka The Great Hall, the inspiration for the Hogwarts dining hall). Most students do like to eat in Hall, but everyone also has access to a 'tea point', where you'll find a kettle, a toaster and a microwave (students get very creative with these!). From second-year onwards you can also choose to live in self-catered flats, if you're fond of cooking and baking. Hall caters for all dietary requirements and special diets, including vegetarian, vegan, Halal, and Kosher. There are two dinner sittings every day, one called 'informal' and one called 'formal'. These cost the same and have the same food, but 'informal' is canteen-style, while 'formal' is a sit-down meal (a bit like in a restaurant). Normally twice a term we have 'guest dinners', where you can invite friends from other colleges or from home and food is especially delicious! Some special dinners include Diwali dinner, the Unity dinner celebrating our LGBTQ+ community, or themed dinners in collaboration with charities (recent ones include a Valentines dinner and a Harry Potter dinner). Average prices in Hall are between £3-4 for breakfast and £4.50-5.50 for lunch. If you get a 'season ticket' for dinner a three-course meal is currently only £2.82! UK and ROI student from lower income households can have subsidies of up to 50% on their dinner season ticket.



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Accessibility: Christ Church welcomes applications from students with disabilities and is happy to make adjustments to support them as much as possible. We have a Disability Lead, a Disability Coordinator, and a Disability Student Representative as well. Welfare support is incredibly important to us and we have a welfare team that includes a welfare coordinator, welfare tutors, students who have welfare roles or are trained as peer supporters, as well as a College Counsellor. In terms of accessibility, there are ramps on either side of the main entrance into Christ Church, and to the Porters' Lodge. The main student library has ramp access, and there is a lift to the Hall. We have a few wheelchair-accessible student rooms with adapted bathroom facilities and interview/teaching rooms that can be made accessible as well.

College societies: Christ Church societies include the Drama Society, The Entrepreneurs Circle, the Christ Church Boat Club, and Chess Club, as well as various subject-specific societies (Geography, History, Law). There are lots of college sports teams, all very relaxed: college netball is popular and has a mixed team; among other sports Christ Church has a women's football team, men's football, hockey, lacrosse, and there will often be a pool team and a darts team too. Students interested in music can join the College Choir or the Music society too. New societies can be registered every year - recently we've had a Dance Society, a Tea Appreciation Society and a Cheese Society!

Other college facilities:

Green spaces: beautiful gardens and Christ Church Meadow with river

Sports: two football pitches, two rugby pitches, a cricket pitch and new artificial cricket nets, grass tennis courts and a floodlit artificial fast tennis court, a Multi-User Games Area (tennis, five aside football, netball, basketball, hockey), two squash courts, free membership of the University's Iffley Road Pulse Gym and Rosenblatt Swimming Pool

Music and Art: Music Room, Art Room (both open to all students), Picture Gallery (students can borrow art to decorate their rooms!)

Libraries: main college library (hosting amazing books like the first edition of Darwin's 'Origin of Species' or Newton's 'Principia', or the copy of 'Alice in Wonderland' gifted by Lewis Carroll to the real Alice, who used to live in Christ Church) and a separate Law library

Social Spaces: college café (free coffee if you bring your own reusable mug), college bars, Junior Common Room with pool table and TV room