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#WelcometoOxford - Your final checklist...

We're looking forward to seeing you in Oxford. Hopefully you have been finding our newsletter updates useful. We'll be back in touch again in October, bringing you bi-weekly updates when you've started your course.

Don't forget to follow us

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#WelcometoOxford (and win a hoodie)

It's less than one month to go before you join us. We hope you're as excited as we are. On arrival, use the #WelcometoOxford hashtag to connect with other new students online. We'll be monitoring the hashtag throughout Freshers' Week and capturing some of the best bits in a blog. We also have five University hoodies up for grabs. All you need to do is follow us on Twitter and Facebook, post a photo that best represents your first week at Oxford, then tag @OxUniStudents. The five best photos will win a navy blue Oxford hoodie. Good luck!



Things to check before arriving

Starting a new course can feel like stepping into the unknown, but there is no need to worry. We have created a [helpful checklist](#) for you, to ensure that your arrival at Oxford goes smoothly.

[Oxford SU also has lots of helpful information on their website](#) for new students. You can also find further information about your first few weeks on the [official Oxford Students site](#).

Know Your Oxford

We've developed a new audio tour to help you find your feet in Oxford. *Know Your Oxford* is a free tour for your smartphone. It gives you an insiders' view to student life in central Oxford – hearing first-hand from those who know what it's like being a student here. Find out more about how you can download it on the [Oxford Students website](#).



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Freshers' Fair 2018

Freshers' Fair is the biggest event of the term; packed with stalls promoting the best aspects of Oxford's student life. There will be hundreds of club and society stalls offering memberships, external companies advertising their services, and commercial outlets giving away more freebies than you could carry. Oxford SU will also be there to show you what they can offer you during your time as a student. While you're there, don't forget to use the #WelcometoOxford hashtag to share the fun you're having at the Fair. To find out when your college will be attending, [visit the Oxford SU website](#).



Academic dress

All students must wear academic dress at all formal University ceremonies, including matriculation (the ceremony that marks your formal admission to Oxford). You can find out more about academic dress at Oxford by visiting the [Oxford Students website](#).

If you have a dark suit, skirt or trousers, we recommend that you bring those with you, and black shoes, and a plain white shirt or blouse. You can buy the gown and hat from shops in Oxford when you arrive. Some sellers also offer discounted rates on ex-hire gowns.



International Student Information

Tier 4 student visa holders: collecting your BRP (student visa)

If you chose the option on your online visa application form to collect your BRP (student visa) at the Examination Schools between 25 September and 2 October, don't forget to sign-up on the [Eventbrite form](#) for a collection date and time. If you chose to collect your visa at the Post Office, you do not need to sign-up on the form. For further information see the [student visa pages](#).

Opening a bank account

UK banks are keen to open accounts for European and International Students. However, as they need to collect certain information from you to meet UK government financial rules, please follow these three steps to make the process easier:

- Meet the banks at the Orientation Fair to begin the process
- Gather the documents you need: your passport and enrolment certificate stamped and signed by your college
- Go to the bank early – try to avoid busy periods and check the 'late opening hours'

There is also an [online guide for opening a bank account](#) which will be updated later this month.



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