



Worcester College

AT A GLANCE

Happy. Supportive. Fair. Inclusive. Family

My favourite thing about Worcester is the inclusivity of it. As a Muslim here sometimes it can be hard to find my two feet and settle in, but College has been so accommodating... Everyone just makes me feel so welcome here..
Mehrin

The grounds of Worcester are absolutely beautiful... and there are loads of really nice walks around the lake which is really nice if you just want to take a break from work and hang out with a friend. Especially in COVID-times it has been a great way to actually get to know people!

Priya-Rose

Number of undergraduates:

Worcester admits around 120 undergraduates in each year across a range of different subjects (around 400 undergraduates in total, 600 including graduate students).

We have a diverse student body coming from a huge range of different backgrounds and bringing a variety of perspectives – in our most recent intake, 83% of our students came from state schools, 36% were BAME (including around 10 Black students), and 27.5% came from areas of socio-economic disadvantage.

Location:

With its 26 acres of award-winning gardens, it is easy to forget that Worcester is in the heart of the city.

We are a 10 minute walk from the train station, less than five minutes from supermarkets and shops, and only a short walk to many libraries and departments.





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Accommodation:

All of Worcester's accommodation is on the main site (or within 300 metres of the College) and is available for three years. Over two thirds of the rooms are en-suite and have kitchen access (students who do not have access to a kitchen pay reduced prices in the dining hall). En-suites, kitchens and any other facilities can be requested for medical, religious, disability or welfare-related reasons.

Rooms are sorted into grades based on their age, size and appointment, and students can express a preference of grade: for the 2020-21 academic year rooms cost between £2,368.97 (in Grade 1) and £4,270.15 (in Grade 6). For more information on accommodation, see our students' room tours video!

Accessibility:

Worcester College is a multi-level site with buildings of a wide range of different ages and styles, some of which are more accessible than others. There are two lifts installed in the College to assist people in accessing the site, accessible toilets in several locations and nine accessible bedrooms in the newer College buildings (including with access to wet rooms and accessible kitchens).

The historic library is only accessible by using stairs, but the librarians routinely arrange for books to be delivered to students' rooms or to the Porter's Lodge for those who are unable to use the stairs. There is ramped access to the dining hall and ramped access is currently being installed to the Law library which will give library access to anyone who cannot manage stairs.

The dining hall, auditorium and many of the seminar rooms in College have hearing support systems in place. Visual aids, book stands and an adjustable height desk are available in the library areas.

The College has a Disability Coordinator and works closely with the Disability Advisory Service to support disabled students – and all students can receive support for their learning and other needs from the Welfare Officer, the College Nurse and College Doctor and the Learning Development Officer.

For full details (including pictures of accessible spaces see: <https://accessguide.ox.ac.uk/worcester-college>).





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Information about catering: Worcester has a well-deserved reputation for amazing food at very reasonable prices, and with multiple options available there is always something for everyone! The College is happy to cater for all dietary requirements (including religious diets as well as allergies and intolerances), and students can enter these when they book a meal so as to make sure that there will always be suitable options. Meals are available three times a day (lunch usually costs around £3.88 and dinner £4.45 – the cost is lower than this for students who do not have access to a kitchen in their accommodation). Students can also choose to attend a formal hall on several nights of the week if they wish to, and there are also several informal themed nights. There is also a bar which currently offers café-style food during the day time.

College societies: There is a huge range of different student societies at Worcester, and students also take part in various different societies across the university as well. We have music societies, drama societies, sports and a number of subject-specific societies. There are loads of activities and events for students to take part in and a strong sense of community - even under COVID-19 restrictions this year many of the welfare and social events (such as themed food nights, College-wide iftar meals during Ramadan, Mario Kart tournaments...) have been able to go ahead either virtually, outdoors or in small household groups.

Other college facilities: We are very lucky at Worcester to have our sports facilities on-site (including extensive grounds, tennis and basketball courts and an on-site gym). We also have two faith spaces (the chapel and the multi-faith prayer room) and a number of music rooms available as well as a dance studio and auditorium. Welfare support is very important to us at Worcester, and students have access to a dedicated Welfare Officer as well as to support from the College Nurse, and there are Junior Deans available overnight in case of any issues arising. We also have a Learning Development Officer, whose role is to support students in their academic transition from school to university – she runs a study skills programme encompassing time management, reading and note-taking, exam preparation and other skills that help students to do the very best they can in their studies. The Learning Development Officer also leads the College's decolonisation work, and – together with the College's Equalities Officer - supports our tutors in developing anti-racist and more inclusive teaching practices, an important part of the College's proactive community and inclusion work. The Learning Development Officer also administrates the Equal Access to Learning fund which – along with other forms of financial support available from the College – helps to ensure **that financial pressures do not adversely affect students' learning.**

