

Graduate Study at Oxford



St Cross College: A Tour

Video Audio/Visual Transcription

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AUDIO	VISUAL
Music - plays throughout.	Text 'St Cross College' appearing over the front door of St Cross, with two students walking down the street in front of the entrance.
	The Old Quad of St Cross, with gothic and traditional-style buildings.
Hi everyone I'm Selena, I'm a DPhil in Biomedical Engineering, and I'd love to take you on a tour of St Cross College.	Student Selena standing in the porters lodge of St Cross
	Walking through the porter's lodge to a large wooden door.
	The Old Quad of St Cross, with gothic and traditional-style buildings.
St Cross is a graduate only college with over 550 students from about 50 different countries.	Selena standing in the Old Quad at St Cross on a sunny day, in front of a circular lawn with a sculpture in the middle.
And this is the main quad,	A student walking through archways at one end of Old Quad.
which is the Old Quad,	A student walking around the circular lawn through Old Quad.
but we also have a modern quad, and I think that really reflects how at St Cross we blend in, very evenly,	Selena standing in the Old Quad at St Cross on a sunny day, in front of a circular lawn with a sculpture in the middle.
the old and the new.	Another angle of Old Quad.
	Selena walking through Old Quad.
	Selena walking through archways at one end of Old Quad into the second quad.
	Close up of an old lamp inside the archways.
At St Cross you can choose to stay in accommodation on site, but also off-site because we offer multiple locations throughout the city so that you can pick a flat that is closer to your lab or your department.	Selena standing in the second quad, in front of a lawn and a new stone and glass building.
If you're new to Oxford you'll have priority	A wider angle view of the new quad, with the modern building, lawn area and plants.
over choosing a room,	A closer view of the top of the new building, made of stone and glass in square/block patterns.

but if you choose to stay on site that's fantastic because St Cross is actually very central in the city, and also you'd be very close to the college libraries that we offer - there's a more modern one in our modern end of the quad, but also one that we share with Pusey House.	Selena standing in the second quad, in front of a lawn and a new stone and glass building.
	Looking through to the second quad through an archway.
	Inside the modern library, with students studying at various desks, with bookcases at either end of the room.
In there is our library which is open 24/7, and there are also breakout rooms so you can actually work in teams	Selena standing outside the new library building in the second quad.
to discuss your projects.	A shot of a student walking through the library past a bookcase.
The library is also home to the James Currey Collection	Students working in the library at desks, surrounded by bookcases.
of books of African history and politics.	Selena standing outside the new library building in the second quad.
	A student working in the library at a desk, surrounded by bookcases.
	A close up of one of the bookcases.
	Selena walking through the second quad toward large glass doors.
	Selena walking through the glass doors into the building.
This is our dining hall where	A wide view of the dining hall, featuring a white ceiling and walls with various paintings hanging, three long wooden tables with wooden chairs, and large windows to one side.
you can enjoy an informal	A close up of the St Cross college shield, framed and hanging on the dining hall wall.
lunch and dinner every day during the week, um, but also, multiple times a week we offer black tie dinners which are really just like more formal dinners where you get to enjoy the exquisite meals that our catering staff um, offers to us. And I think one of the most unique things about St Cross is the fact that it's a clearly very egalitarian college, because as you can see we don't have a high table, which means that you actually get to engage in conversations with professors and even the college master during a dinner	Selena standing in the Dining Hall.
which is absolutely fantastic. We also host themed dinners	Looking through into the kitchen, with three heat lamps hanging over metal surfaces, with member of the catering staff working in the background.

such as the Christmas one, Easter one, or the end of term one, and also very often we host exchange dinners where you actually get to meet people from different colleges.	Selena standing in the Dining Hall.
	Another angle of the dining hall, with wooden chairs in the foreground and large windows in the background.
	An old tower within Old Quad.
	A latin phrase “hanc portulam collegio suo donavit socius” in black and gold metal, hanging outside on one of the college walls.
Usually after lunch or dinner we'll come	Inside the common room, featuring cream walls with various photos and paintings hanging, a number of large blue sofas, and glass cabinets with various old objects in.
in here in the Common Room to enjoy tea and coffee and so you can just continue talking to your fellow students in a very relaxed way, but also with professors because we share the space with them which is really fantastic because it	Selena standing in the common room.
creates a very open space for the entire college.	Another view of the common room, with a large piano at the end of the room, and large windows along one side.
	Looking outside through one of the windows in the common room
What's really unique about St Cross	A close up of board games in one of the window bays.
by being a small college it really allows you to bring your ideas to life, by being very entrepreneurial about your ideas, or maybe even just founding a new society.	Selena standing in the common room.
	Looking outside through one of the windows in the common room
	Selena walking through a white walled corridor with lots of framed drawings on either side.
This is another one of our reading rooms	A white walled room with marble fireplace, bookshelves at one end, and various wooden desks and chairs scattered around.
which students can use,	A large bookcase covering one end of the room.
and we also have actually a very active student body that organises lots of events such as college balls, BOPs, and also just pub quizzes	Selena standing in the reading room.
or just interest groups.	Two brown leather armchairs at one end of the reading room, in front of a bookcase.
	Selena walking through a long white walled corridor with lots of framed drawings and a few paintings on either side.

	Selena walking down a staircase.
St Cross is also very sporty college, and together with Wolfson we have a couple of sports clubs, and one of them being the rowing team	Selena standing in a corridor with rowing oars hanging on either side from previous rowing competitions.
which is very successful.	A close up of one of the oars with the student participants names painted on the blade.
As a student of St Cross you'll also have full access to the Iffley Sports Center which offers gyms, and indoor and outdoor courts, as well as a swimming pool.	Selena standing in a corridor with rowing oars hanging on either side from previous rowing competitions.
	A view down an old stone circular staircase.
	The St Cross College bar, with white walls, bunting and a map of the world hanging, with numerous tables and chairs around.
Here we are at the St Cross college bar	Another angle of the bar, with a table football table and pool table in the foreground.
where we often host BOPs, but you can always come over in the evening to have a drink, play some pool, and just relax with friends.	Selena standing in the bar.
	A close up of a framed poster of the 'pub stops of Oxford', drawn like a tube map and hanging on the wall in the bar.
	Another angle of the bar, with a long brown bench seat running down on wall.
	Another angle of the bar, with a table football table and pool table in the foreground.
	Selena walking through a long white walled corridor with lots of framed drawings on either side.
	A close up of an old wooden door, with 'The Upper Library' painted on.
So just through there is the access to the Pusey House library,	Selena standing in a white walled corridor next to the wooden door to Pusey House library.
which our students are very lucky to have access to	Inside the Pusey House library, with a curved wooden ceiling, and a central aisle with wooden desks and large bookcases on either side.
because it's a leading library in	An empty desk with a large bookcase on one side, books stacked on the desk, and large windows.
theology, history and philosophy, but of course it's open to everyone at the college.	Selena standing in a white walled corridor next to the wooden door to Pusey House library.
	Two students working in Pusey House library, surrounded by large bookcases.
	A student walking through an archway towards Old Quad.

	Selena walking through Old Quad.
College also offers	Tables and chairs outside in Old Quad, surrounded by traditional style buildings.
a range of welfare support, along with multiple scholarships that cover all disciplines, and this can be support for travel, research grants,	Selena standing in Old Quad.
but also merit scholarships.	A student walking through the second quad, in front of the dining hall windows.
What is really great, particularly	Another angle of the second quad, with traditional-style buildings and a small lawn, two students sitting at a table, and another walking through.
when you're new to Oxford, is that once you join at St Cross you'll have a college advisor who will guide you through your studies, but also a student body that will be there to support you throughout the years you spend at St Cross.	Selena standing in Old Quad.
	Another view of the second quad, with tables and chairs in the foreground, a lawn and traditional style buildings in the background.
	The archways between the Old Quad and Second Quad, with wisteria growing to one side.
Something that I love about being at St Cross is that I get to talk to people studying very different things from what I do, and that actually really allows you to grow as a more complete person.	Selena standing in front of the archway to Old Quad.
	A close up of the wisteria growing on one of the old buildings.
	A student walking through the archway into Old Quad.
	End screen with St Cross College and University of Oxford logos, and links to websites.