Newsletter 7: When you arrive

Dear all,
This week’s newsletter focusses on what will happen and what you need to do when you arrive at St Antony’s College.

1. Getting to College

Directions to the College are here.

- If you arrive by car, temporary parking is available so that you can drop off luggage. However, do not plan to keep a car with you to Oxford: there are no car parking facilities for students in or around College (unless you have a disability that requires use of a car). Oxford is not a big city and it’s possible to get around quite comfortably by foot or by bike.
- If you’re flying in to Heathrow Airport or Gatwick Airport, the Airline offers regular coach services to central Oxford. The terminus is Oxford Bus Station (Gloucester Green), from where you can take a taxi (about 5 minutes) or walk (about 15 minutes) to College.
- From Oxford train station, you can take bus 14 to the Bevington Road bus stop, 300m from the College main entrance on Woodstock Road or take a taxi (about 10 minutes).

2. Checking in to College accommodation

If you will be living in College accommodation, you can check in after 2pm on the day that your tenancy starts. Please report to the Porters’ Lodge in the Ghassan Shaker building (marked 1 on the College map), where the Duty Porter will give you your key and explain how to find your room.

Porters in Oxford colleges play an important security/reception role: despite the name similarity, they do not have the same functions as hotel porters so please don’t ask them to carry your bags! For those arriving in late September, we will have Arrival Assistants (current students) on hand to help you to your room and answer your questions.

Single and double bed packs can be ordered ahead of your arrival. They include:

- Single bed pack: single sized duvet, one pillow, one bottom sheet, one duvet cover and one pillow cover.
- Double bed pack: double sized duvet, two pillows, one bottom sheet, one duvet cover and two pillow covers.

To order a bedding pack, please email the Accommodation team as a matter of urgency. There is a charge of £35.00 for a single pack and £60.00 for a double pack, payable with your first term’s battels statement. The pack will be placed in your room ready for your arrival.

Lack of storage space on campus means it’s not possible to have your luggage shipped to the College before you arrive. If you are using a shipping company, please ensure the luggage arrives at the same time (or after) your own arrival.

New Student Registration
All new students must complete New Student Registration as soon as possible after arrival. Before coming to register in College, please ensure that you have completed the first part of your University Registration, which you can do from 1 September.

https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/newly-admitted-students/new-students-newsletters
New Student Registration is open between 10:00–12:30 and 14:00-16:00 on weekdays from Monday 11 September–Friday 6 October. We strongly encourage students to register as early as possible.

Here is what will happen at New Student Registration:

- To register, you should come to the College offices on the ground floor of the Gateway Building (marked 2 on the College map) to meet with the Registry team.
- We will check that you have completed and handed in your Emergency Contacts form and Additional Support forms attached to this email. Student Tier 4 visa holders must bring their Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) and passport to be scanned. Please note that you will not be able to register if you have not completed and returned these documents and brought your passport and visa with you.
- We will also check that you have registered online with the Summertown Health Centre (see Newsletter 3: Medical Information).
- You will then receive your New Student Registration Pack, including your University card and other key information to get you up and running as a member of the College. Your registration pack will include two copies of the College-Student contract. You must read the contract and return the purple copy to the Registry by Friday 6th October at latest. The white copy is for your own records.
- You can then print your enrolment certificate. This confirms that you are enrolled at the University of Oxford for the current academic year, and is used for police registration (if this applies to you).

Appointments are not necessary; please drop in at any point during the times noted above. During busier times a queuing system will be in operation.

3. **Collecting your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)**

Student visa holders should prioritise collecting their Biometric Residence Permit on arrival as we cannot enrol you until we have scanned a copy of your BRP and passport. See here for information from the University’s Immigration Team about collecting your BRP.

4. **Police registration**

Some students will also be required to register with the police within seven days of arriving. See the University visa webpages for advice and guidance.

5. **College Inductions**

All new students must attend all elements of their designated College Induction evening. These evenings will take place on Monday 2 October and Wednesday 4 October; students will be informed in advance which evening they have been allocated to attend. The evening comprises a formal induction with relevant College and University staff, a drinks reception with College Advisors, and a Welcome Dinner in Hall. Please see the Welcome Week timetable for more details.

All new students are also required to attend a Welfare Induction session which will take place on Wednesday 4 October. As with the College Induction evenings, students will receive guidance as to which sessions they should attend to fit in with other commitments.
6. College Advisor

All students at St Antony's are allocated a College Advisor from amongst our Governing Body and Emeritus Fellows. You will receive details about your College Advisor, and how they can support you, by email, before the start of term.

7. Welcome Week activities

The Welcome Week timetable has details of events and activities being organised for new students by the College and Graduate Common Room (GCR). We aim to offer you a good variety of events and activities to help you settle in to life at St Antony's College.

The Graduate Common Room (GCR) will be hosting a range of events which are shown in green.

**Compulsory** events are shown in purple:

- New Student Registration
- College Induction, College Advisers’ drinks reception and Welcome Dinner
- Welfare Support Induction
- Matriculation
- Medical Registration for students needing vaccinations and/or with pre-existing conditions

Optional events/activities are shown in yellow.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Antony’s. As ever, if you have any questions, do please feel free to get in touch.