Orientation information for new International and European (non-UK) students

The Student Information team and the Oxford Student Union coordinate a series of welcome events and resources for all new students (UK and non-UK) starting in October.

Freshers’ fair – Oxford Student Union
There will be stands at the Oxford Student Union Freshers’ fair for international students including a visa and immigration stand, a student information stand for advice about settling into life as a non-UK student as well as a huge range of international student societies and a range of other sports, social, and cultural stands. The fair takes place on 9 and 10 October and your college will be allocated a morning or afternoon slot for all its students to attend.

Pre-arrival resources
There is not a separate orientation event for international students as it is integrated with the Freshers’ fair. However, the webpages for new students have a separate section for International Students with a wealth of advice.

Orientation at Oxford podcast series
Listen to our series of podcasts (only 15 minutes long each) which tell you about what to expect from academic and social life here from the perspective of an Oxford student (available on website from the end of July).

International Students handbook
See the new handbook for advice and tips for European (non-UK) and International students on settling into life in the UK. This is aimed specifically at international students who have not studied in the UK before as well as those who have been studying at a previous UK University (available on website from end of July).

Finding your way to Oxford from the airports and Eurostar
See our guide on the new students webpage (right hand menu). There is a regular public bus service that runs throughout the day and night directly from the airports to Oxford with wifi and power connection, frequent departures and on-board toilets. The guide explains how to reach Oxford and how to reach your college once you arrive in the city.

BRP (student visa) collection process
If you need a student visa, see the visa and immigration pages for information about how your visa will be issued and how to collect your BRP from either the Examination Schools or the Post Office in Oxford.

EU settlement scheme
If you are an EU national make sure you obtain an EHIC card before coming to the UK and you may like to read the information about the new EU settlement scheme on the visa and immigration webpages.

Oxford Bank guide
This useful guide (on right hand side menu of website) compares the services offered by the main banks in Oxford as well as information about the evidence you will need to open a bank account. It will be updated in August 2019 with any recent changes to the services offered by the banks.

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