Accommodation Summer 2017

The majority of current residents in College accommodation are allocated accommodation until 31 July 2017. (Tenancies for single en-suite accommodation in M Block, the Catherine Marriott Building and C Block accommodation finish on 30 June 2017). If you originally planned to move out earlier but now wish to stay on until late July (late June for M Block, Catherine Marriott Building and C Block en-suite accommodation), please contact the Accommodation Office NOW.

If you wish to vacate your accommodation BEFORE the date stated on your Agreement you must give two calendar months’ notice in writing to the Accommodation Office. After six months from the start of your Agreement, the notice period for leaving early is reduced to one month. Your original Agreement will stand for ballot purposes. Requests for extensions BEYOND LATE JULY will not be considered until after the ballot has been held. Please wait until an announcement appears in the Newsheet informing you how to apply for a Summer extension. Summer extensions cannot be guaranteed and demand usually exceeds supply.

College Accommodation Ballot 2017 - 2018

Eligibility: current Graduate Students, Junior Research Fellows and Research Fellows are entitled to enter the ballot. Priority is given to applicants who wish to be allocated accommodation for the entire year. If you are on a one year course now, you are not eligible for the Ballot and you should apply for a Summer Extension (see above). If you plan to commence a new course at Wolfson in October 2017, you should apply through the Ballot. However, if your application for further studies is unsuccessful, please let the Accommodation Office know so that you can be withdrawn from the Ballot and your accommodation re-allocated. Failure to inform the Accommodation Office of your withdrawal from College may result in you being charged for the accommodation.

Members whose credit facilities have been withdrawn by the College are not eligible to enter, or remain in, the ballot.

N.B. Please also complete the Further Information for Ballot paperwork and return with your application.

Final year students with Visa Issues

Final year students who would generally be unlikely to be allocated accommodation due to the length of time already spent in accommodation, but who have a visa due to expire in 2017, should make this known to the Accommodation Office so that any applications can be judged on a case-by-case basis.

Application forms: Will be placed in all eligible Members pigeon holes on 25 January 2017. Further copies will be available from the Lodge or the Accommodation Office, thereafter. Please note that the latest date to apply for is 31 July in any academic year. If you wish to be allocated with particular friends please note on the form under special circumstances. This cannot be guaranteed. If you wish to have a room over the summer between academic years, please apply for accommodation from the date your current Tenancy finishes.

Rents: Please note that the new rents for 2017/18 have not yet been agreed. The rent information for 2016/17 can be seen on the website www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/accommodation. If you apply in the Ballot for accommodation, the new rent information, once agreed by the Governing Body, will be also be available on the website. A notice will be sent via the Newsheet when this information is available.

Return your application form by:

12 Noon on Wednesday 15 February
**How it works:** Applicants for the ballot are entered in one of the following sections: **Single, Couples, Family.** Please take note of the number of units available for your particular choice when selecting your options. Within each of these sections, applicants are grouped within the seven categories detailed below based on the total amount of time they will have lived in College accommodation by 31 July 2017.

**Special cases: e.g. accommodation required on health grounds**
The College allows members with special circumstances a higher priority in the ballot system. For further information about Order of Priority see the notice displayed on the College Accommodation Notice Board in the Lodge (DPC.04.18 revised July 2004), or on the Accommodation page of the Wolfson website [www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/accommodation). Additional copies are available from the Accommodation Office.

**The categories are:**

- Special cases (see Accommodation notice board in the old Lodge and the Accommodation page of the Wolfson website [www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/accommodation))
- 0 – 2 months inclusive
- 3 – 8 months inclusive
- 9 – 14 months inclusive
- 15 – 20 months inclusive
- 21 – 26 months inclusive
- 27 – 32 months inclusive
- 33+ months

Applicants’ names within each of these categories are shuffled upside down and pulled out at random. The order in which names are drawn out decides where they appear on the final ballot list in each category. (Graduate student members are invited to assist this process.) The draw is anticipated to take place on **20 February 2017.**

An estimate is then made of how many places can be offered immediately. This is done on the basis of recent years’ statistics and on the expected number of new admissions for the current year. We err on the side of caution at this stage, as it is not yet known how many new students there are likely to be, nor how many will be single, couples or have families. A red line is drawn on the final list.

It is intended that those above the red line will be offered accommodation by **6 March 2017.** Those below the red line will be sent a letter at the same time asking them to confirm that they wish to remain in the ballot. If you are likely to be away in March/April you are asked to name a proxy on the Application Form as the names of those who do not confirm their intention to remain in the ballot (themselves or by proxy) by **24 April** will be withdrawn from the list. Later in the summer when the situation gets clearer we are usually able to move further down the list and make further offers of accommodation.

The whole ballot process is terminated on 1 October, after which any available accommodation is advertised in the Lodge.

**Late applications** for inclusion in the ballot will only be accepted in the most exceptional circumstances.

**For students hoping to complete by late September**
If you are due to submit by end of September but you think there is any possibility that you might need accommodation for the minimum of one further term, then you should put your name in the ballot. It is easier to withdraw than to be added later. However, there is no guarantee of accommodation.

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