Accommodation Summer 2018

The majority of current residents in College accommodation are allocated until 31 July 2018. (Tenancies for single en-suite accommodation in M Block, the Catherine Marriott Building and C Block accommodation finish on 30 June 2018). 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 promptly.

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. Please note that 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. An announcement will appear in the Newssheet informing you how to apply for a Summer extension. Sadly summer extensions cannot be guaranteed, and demand usually exceeds supply.

College Accommodation Ballot 2018 - 2019

Eligibility: current Graduate Students, Junior Research Fellows and Research Fellows are entitled to enter the ballot. Applicants who wish to be allocated accommodation for the entire year will get priority. If you are currently on a one year course, 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 2018 you should apply to 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if your application for further studies is unsuccessful, please let the Accommodation Office know so that you can be withdrawn from the Ballot and your accommodation re-allocated.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 who have, at any time, been in receipt of a ‘notice to vacate’ letter from the College (due to late payment or other tenancy breaches) or are currently on credit withdrawal, are not eligible to enter or remain in the ballot.

Final year students with Visa Issues

Final year students who would 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 2018, 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 emailed to all eligible Members on 1 February. Further copies will be available from the Lodge or the Accommodation Office. Please note that the latest date on a tenancy you can apply for is 31 July in any academic year. If you wish to be allocated with particular friends, please indicate this on the form under specific 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 2018/19 have not yet been agreed. The rent information for 2017/18 can be seen on the website www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/accommodation. If you apply to the Ballot for accommodation, the new rent information, once agreed by the Governing Body, will also be available on the website. A notice will be sent via the Newssheet when this information is available.

Return your application form by:

12 Noon on 22 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 2018.

**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

**Specific Accommodation Requirements**

The College allows members who have specific accommodation requirements 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.

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 **27 February 2018**.

An estimate of how many places can be offered immediately is then calculated. This is done by looking at the most recent years’ statistics and at the expected number of new admissions for the current year. A red line is drawn on the final list.

It is intended that those above the red line will be offered accommodation by **13 March 2018**. Those below the red line will be sent a letter at the same time asking them to confirm that they wish to remain on 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 2018** will be withdrawn from the list. Later in the summer we are usually able work down the waiting list and make further offers of accommodation.

The whole ballot process is terminated on **1 October 2018**, 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 the end of September, but you think there is a 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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Accommodation Officer

January 2018