

CORPUS

CHRISTI



COLLEGE

OXFORD



WELFARE

A Cup of Tea
Solves Everything...

..would seem to be the
Corpus philosophy!

Every weekday afternoon at
4pm there's JCR Tea', which is,
unsurprisingly, held in the JCR,
and those in need of a break can
enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and a
friendly chat.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays
after JCR Tea, Jess and Mike
(our awesome Welfare Officers)
are available to have a chat
if you having anything you need
to get off your chest. Then on
Sundays at 4pm the Welfare
Officers run 'Women's Tea' and
'Men's Tea' in the Fraenkel Room
and Seminar Rooms respectively.

Segregation is strictly enforced!
But both male and female
Corpuscles are guaranteed
scones, fruit, brownies, salmon,
cream cheese, bagels and various
other goodies alongside the
ubiquitous... tea, as well as good
conversation and some quality
time away from the opposite sex.

As if that's not enough, during
Fifth Week of term the welfare
officers lay on a bumper feast
either in the hall, or if it's Trinity
in the Garden, to get rid of those
Fifth Week Blues! We imaginatively
call it 'Welfare Tea'. This is the
setting for a massive free-for-all
with many hungry people!

When the end and beginning of
term both seem their farthest away,
nothing cheers up students like
free food, tea, coffee and good chat!



A FEW OF CORPUS' MANY CLUBS AND SOCIETIES...

The Boat Club

A collection of the most dedicated and hardy of
college members. One of the oldest college organisations,
the Boat Club are early risers and are renowned for
their comradely sporting prowess and lycra suits. They
are known as "boaties" within Corpus for their ability
to transform unwilling freshers into passionate rowers.

The Symposium

A think tank fuelled with wine, crisps and mini doughnuts
who meet once a week to discuss issues ranging from
pornography to the Arab spring.

Football

Two teams: One quite good (the First Team), whilst
the other (the 'Seconds') is a more social affair. The
JCR also holds daily kickabouts on Christ Church
Meadow, known as "Welfare Football".

Cricket

The perfect way to spend a lazy summer afternoon in
Oxford. The Cricket Club runs a yearly "Clock Match"
where Old Members come back to face current Corpuscles.

ACCOMMODATION

At Corpus, every undergraduate student is
provided with college accommodation for
the duration of their course.

This is really handy - Corpus members
don't have to worry about finding
private accommodation, which
can often be a problem elsewhere.

There are a number of spacious
rooms in college overlooking the
quad, as well as a few rooms round the
corner on Magpie Lane. First years
are normally given rooms in the
New Building complex, opposite
college on Merton Street.

SUBJECT AMBASSADORS

Corpus Christi has recently appointed
student ambassadors in each of the
principal subject areas.

These students, as well as
attending each of the Open
Days and assisting during the
admissions period, act as
ambassadors for the College
and for their subject in developing
relationships with schools and
potential candidates, under the
guidance of the College's Access
and Admissions Administrator.

Subject Ambassadors regularly
participate in school visits to the
College and assist in providing
prospective students with
information on their experience
of higher education and the
University of Oxford.

To find out more about our
Subject Ambassadors, visit:
www.ccc.ox.ac.uk/subject-ambassadors

I'm Bob, one of
the night porters here
at Corpus Christi College.

I will be popping up giving
you facts about what makes
Corpus unique amongst
the 30 or so Colleges here
at Oxford.

Happy reading!



Fact 1

The College sundial
isn't one sundial, but
27 individual ones
amalgamated
together.

Fact 2

Both David and Ed
Miliband came to Corpus
in the late 1980s. During
their time here they both
did PPE, both were JCR
Presidents, both lived in
the same room and both
went on to run for Leader
of the Labour party.

Fact 3

The College founder,
Bishop Fox, went blind
during the construction of
the College. Once the college
was built he was guided
round the front quadrangle
three times in order to trick
him into thinking it was
much bigger than it
really was.

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Grants

Corpuscles are lucky enough to be able to apply for
travel grants, to pursue a particular research interest
beyond the College gates. The College awards up to
£250 (every two years) to support the cost of
intellectually valuable travel. In recent years grants
have been given to students visiting Egypt to witness
the aftermath of the Arab Spring, Spain to visit the
sites of the Spanish Civil War and to medical students
who worked with HIV sufferers in Lesotho.

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Prizes and Scholarships

Doing well academically? Well you could be in the
money...Corpus awards a large number of prizes,
scholarships and exhibitions to students whose
academic achievements are particularly impressive.
Any student who comes in the top 5% of their first
public examination is eligible for a Fox prize, worth
£500. Students who do very well in exams during
their time at Corpus are eligible for scholarships,
valued at £200, and offered enhanced opportunities
for study in the vacations.

Fact 4

Like free stuff? The JCR
provides free coffee,
newspapers, cake and
during the summer we
provide an honesty box
for ice cream!

WELCOME TO CORPUS

I'm Jack, the JCR President
of Corpus Christi College.

Student life at Corpus revolves around the "Junior Common Room",
otherwise known as the "JCR". An oak panelled, squishy armchaired
hangout at the heart of the College. But the JCR isn't just a great
place to relax - it's also how the diverse and friendly student body of
around 240 Corpuscles define themselves.

Students at Corpus are engaged throughout Oxford in a number of
activities. Our drama club "Owlets" is one of the most active drama
clubs in the University whilst our sports teams provide enthusiastic
competition against other colleges. Fortnightly JCR Meetings provide
an opportunity for members to make the college work better for
them; whether it is investing in a new coffee machine, buying a HD
TV, or mandating college to buy Fairtrade.

We are the smallest of the older colleges, and have a proud tradition
of friendliness and inclusiveness. The small size of Corpus means that
you very quickly get to know everyone, which creates a warm and
welcoming atmosphere. Friendships form across subjects and year
groups, and if you step inside our cosy JCR you're likely to find
groups of people chatting and laughing. It won't take long at Corpus
before you find it impossible to walk more than a hundred yards
without coming across someone you can stop and have a chat with.

We also have a pretty good sense of fun and play host to some of the
more amusing traditions to be found at Oxford – our annual tortoise
fair attracts hundreds of spectators and raises thousands of pounds
for charity; and this year we also held a wedding ceremony and
married our two tortoises in an afternoon of laughter, bunting and
High Tea!

If you want to find out more come to one of our Open Days, held
annually in July and September.

Get more information online:
www.ccc.ox.ac.uk/open-days

See you soon,
Jack Evans – JCR President

ACADEMIC BENEFITS OF STUDYING AT CORPUS

So, reader, you've a thirst to learn
of Corpus Christi College

An Oxford institution steeped in culture, art, and knowledge.
If facts and figures aren't enough, I'll offer something more:
Hot off the press, a freshly penned poetic guided tour!

First, enter through the college gates, what sight awaits your eyes?
A sundial crowned with a golden bird points proudly to the skies.
Look right – the porters greet you with a smile and cheerful wave!
These men patrol the college doors, unyielding, stout, and brave.

Stride onward through the stony quad and on the left
you'll see the JCR – to one and all a cosy sanctuary.
Plump couches and oak-panelled walls, soft carpet on the floor –
it's packed with students every day when tea is served at four.

Then pay a visit, if you will, to our fine Tudor hall,
Where portraits of the great and good adorn the lofty wall.

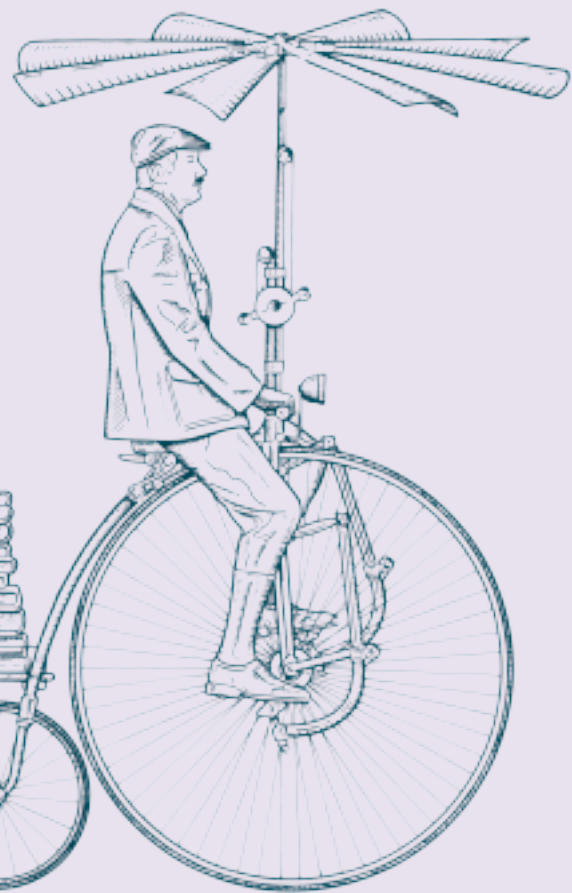
Then journey underground, my friend, to Corpus' own beer cellar,
The college bar, where during term our evenings are quite stellar!
The scene of many a fine pub quiz and many a college bop, with
beer and tunes and fine costumes the fun will never stop!

Then once the cellar's worn you out, return to the fresh air –
the gardens call, where every year we hold the tortoise fair.
From every part of Oxford town these wizened reptiles flock.
To see which of their racing times is fastest on the clock.

Or yet, if music's what you want, yhe chapel's your clear choice:
Sit back and lose yourself amidst the choir's angelic voice.

And if you've got a thirst for sport the meadow's right below;
the river snakes its way nearby, if you've a pang to row.

Whatever your demands may be in Corpus you'll find them.
Within the hub of Oxford town a small, unspoiled gem.
The merest taste of Corpus life in verse I have addressed;
now visit us in real life and you can learn the rest...



Fact 5

Erasmus once
called the College
library one of the
"wonders of the world".

Fact 6

Our College gargoyles are
some of the most weird
and wonderful in Oxford.
If you are going on a tour
of Corpus in the near
future, see if you can spot
the crocodile gargoyle.

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Financial Support

All our undergraduate students are able to apply for
help with the cost of their books and/or scientific
equipment, up to a total of £100.

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President's Seminars

Every term, the President arranges two seminars,
at which prominent figures from different walks of life
come and talk about issues of interest and importance.
There is an open talk, with questions, and then a
smaller (free!) dinner, with more questions and
discussion, for interested students and fellows.
Recent visitors include Timothy Garton Ash
(Professor of European Studies at St Antony's
College, Oxford, and columnist for The Guardian),
Rupert Pennant-Rea (former Deputy Governor
of the Bank of England) and Francesc Vendrell
(EU Special Representative for Afghanistan
between 2002 and 2008).

Whilst at Corpus you are expected to
demonstrate a high level of commitment in your
academic work. But what you get in return is more
than you can ever sum up in a prospectus.

Fact 7

We have two college
tortoises: Fox and Oldham,
named after the two
college founders. They live
in the President's garden,
and the JCR has its very
own tortoise keeper.

FRESHER PERSPECTIVES

'Before I came to Oxford I had all the
typical pre-uni worries, but Corpus
soon dispelled them'.

It is a really friendly place and
from the very beginning everyone
was incredibly welcoming.

Fresher's week was a really nice mix;
there were good club nights for
going out, but there was also a 'big
night in', a college 'Bop' and a range
of activities every night so there
was always a choice as to what you
could do. I think one of the main
advantages of Corpus is its size:
as one of the smallest colleges in
the university there is a real sense
of community which makes coming
as a fresher really enjoyable.

Everyone knows everyone, people
bond quickly and the older years
make a real effort to get to know
you. This means you can get
involved in JCR life quickly, whether
by playing in the highly competitive
table tennis ladder or getting
involved in one of the many
societies going on around college.

It is very easy to get involved in
sports when you get here, with
rowing, football, cricket, basketball,
tennis.....all offered and played at
various levels of competitiveness.
Corpus is as welcoming and as
fun as I could have hoped.

Eddy Lundy

'Hi! I'm Livvy and I read History;
Ancient and Modern. I have absolutely
loved my first year at Corpus'.

I originally chose the College
because I was attracted to its
small size: one of my favourite
things about it is that every time
you walk into the quad or the
hall, there's someone around
who you know.

Even so, my favourite part of
the week is my tutorial; you are
forced to clarify and think more
deeply about your ideas. The
tutors at Corpus are fantastic:
they know you as individuals
and so understand your particular
strengths and weaknesses.

The lack of segregation between
different years is particularly
nice: you will often find a mixed
group of us playing Articulate
or chatting in the JCR. Adjusting
between school and university
can seem daunting, but I think that
being in an environment like Corpus,
where you never feel 'lost', makes
it as easy as possible. Obviously, you
do have to work hard, but you have
a lot of control over when and how
you do so. This self-management
is something that there was less
of at school, and something that
takes a bit of getting used to, but you
soon realise how much you enjoy having
the freedom to pursue the aspects
of a topic you are most interested in.

Fact 8

Don't worry about
walking on the grass!
Here at Corpus you can
walk wherever you want
in our lovely garden.

Because Corpus is so small,
the extra-curricular activities
are very inclusive, so there
really is something for everyone.

Livvy Elder

THE COLLEGE BAR AND BOPS

The newly refurbished Beer Cellar provides
a useful area for people to relax and unwind,
shoot some pool and drink a couple of beers.

We also hold open mic nights here every Friday, and our world famous
Pub Quiz every Tuesday night is always well worth attending. Other
Beer Cellar events include karaoke and wine tasting! As you can tell,
we're a pretty diverse crowd.

Three times a term the JCR holds its "bops" in the Beer Cellar with
themes as varied as "Tube Station", "Lady Gaga" and "Pirates vs.
Milkmen". (We still don't get that one.) Bops are cheesy, but fun, parties
where everyone lets their hair down a bit, and they supply the JCR
with lots of gossip for the week ahead...

They also provide you with an opportunity to DJ in front of the whole
College, so if you fancy yourself as the next David Guetta- this could
be where your career begins.

THE LIBRARY

There's nothing quite
like doing your work
at a five hundred
year old desk!

The library at Corpus is one of
the most beautiful in Oxford
(not that we're biased or
anything!) The original fifteenth
and sixteenth century book
presses are still in use upstairs
and there's nothing quite like
doing your work at a five
hundred year old desk.

It's one of the most well stocked
college libraries in Oxford – a
reputation that has always
preceded it. In 1517, the great
scholar Erasmus declared the
newly founded Corpus library to
be the eighth wonder of the world,
for it held literature in Greek,
Latin and Hebrew. Now, of course,
it doesn't just hold books in Greek
or Hebrew - but in every subject
the students here at Corpus
study. Regardless of your subject
you'll find most of the books you
need waiting for you on the
bookshelves; and if they're not
available, you can suggest
books that the Library should
buy. Our wonderful library team
have a passion for hunting down
even the most obscure of books
on your weekly reading list.

As well as maintaining the old,
the Library has moved with the
times and is kitted out with
wireless internet connection and
power sockets for those who
prefer to use laptops rather than
parchment and quill...

But best of all, the Library is
open 24 hours a day, so you can
study whenever inspiration strikes!

ACADEMIC LIFE

Since 1517, our small
and friendly academic
community has been
part of what makes
Corpus unique.

Undergraduates, Graduates
and Fellows are united by shared
qualities of intellectual curiosity,
academic independence and
genuine interest in their subject.
At Corpus we aren't divided by
formality; gowns at dinner are a
no-no, and subject socials mean
JCR members and fellows often
have a relationship based on
friendship, as well as formality.

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