The alternative prospectus is written by the students of Corpus Christi to give you an overview of what it's like to live and study here. It's full of insights from an overview of what it's like to live and study here. It's full of insights from current Corpus students which we hope that are helpful and are able to give you a greater understanding of Corpus Christi and Oxford, from a student perspective. If you have any questions please feel free to email our JCR president or one of our subject Ambassadors, through our College website. The Ambassadors are there to help, and are more than happy to answer your questions, whether they are subject specific or more generally about the college or the University! They're all students who were in your position a few years ago! All in all, we hope this prospectus portrays just how friendly and inclusive Corpus is! portrays just how friendly and inclusive Corpus is!

□ Florence GOODRICH

Hi I'm Rhiannon, the JCR President of Corpus Christi. Corpus is known around Oxford for being 'small and friendly' and I couldn't think of a better tagline for the place! The college has a home for everyone and always has so much on offer for all its students. From sport, to drama, to maybe just playing pool with friends in the beer cellar, over the next few pages a great group of people will try to show everything Corpus has to offer. That said, if you have any questions, for me or any other JCR representatives, you can email me, or any of our subject ambassadors at JCR.president@ccc.ox.ac.uk - just mention in your email who you'd like to speak to! Rhiannon OGDEN-JONES

Be brave! Go right ahead with the applications and admission tests! While not all schools have the resources to help you along, if that's the case organisations like Project Access are happy to match you with a mentor at Oxford who can chat about things like subject tests, personal statements, and interviews.

Coming from a state-comprehensive, I was worried that everyone was going to be a 'posh genius', but this isn't the case at all. Everyone here is just a normal person who is really interested in a certain subject, and it's been really great to meet and become friends with lots of likeminded people at Oxford.

Obviously we'd love for you to put down Corpus as your college preference, but if an open application like Gemma:

For me, I was just sure I wanted to study at Oxford, but I was overwhelmed by the number of colleges you could choose from. By sending an open application, I had no preconceived expectations and therefore approached the next steps with a really open mind. There is so much rearranging of colleges that goes on throughout the application process, often meaning people end up somewhere unexpected but also a far better fit for them. There is really no reason to be afraid of an open application, and it could just be the right choice for you!

Gemma DAUBENEY

I was really scared before my interviews began, and to be honest, quite nervous throughout the whole process. However, the interviews themselves were great fun they were a chance to talk about something I was interested in, with people who know all about it and are also really passionate. It felt less like I was being grilled for information and more like a casual conversation, I almost forgot I was being interviewed. Perhaps the most useful thing I learnt from the interviews is that it's okay to be wrong, just so long as you defend your ideas thoughtfully and, while it's okay to change your mind on something, don't be a pushover who accepts everything the interviewers say. They're more interested in how you think for yourself - even contradicting them is fine, just so long as your arguments are well-founded.

You aren't expected to know the answers to the interview questions. The tutors want to see how you reason and respond to teaching. Stay open-minded and curious, and vocalise your thinking process.

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Dress warm! December in Oxford is cold, and you don't need to wear a suit. Tutors are interested in your thoughts, not your dress sense.

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous before the start of Freshers' Week. First of all, being close to my twin back home meant that I rarely had to enter new social situations on my own before coming to university, while the fact that people going to Oxbridge from my area was with going to Oxbridge from my area was quite rare meant that I had niggling doubts about whether I would really fit in. Right from day one, however, I could see that my fears could not have been more misplaced Of course, I met people from a whole host socio-economic and geographical backgrounds, but getting to know such a variety of people was an opportunity I had never had before and it was definitely the best part of Freshers' Week for me.

In terms of the stuff I got up to, it really was as varied as the people I met. After getting a taste of Oxford's nightlife for the first two nights, we all got together for a 'Big Night-in', where there was a quiz and entertainment provided by the older years. I also got to meet my tutor and tutorial partner for the term, before spending Thursday evening doing some light reading in Corpus' quite frankly aweinspiring library in preparation for an introductory class on the Friday

The thing that struck me the most about Freshers' Week was that there really was something for everyone and, looking back, I think that the reason why the week went so quickly was because there was just so

The best bit of freshers for me was the fact that everyone in the JCR community got involved. All the older years were keen to get to know us and eliminated any fears that I had about a hierarchy in college. I was worried that everyone would be super intelligent, totally absorbed by work and antisocial. This definitely not the case! There is the same range of people at Oxford as with any other university and most of us are just teenagers/young adults who want to go out, have fun and try new things!

The JCR is more than just comfy a room of oak panels and squishy chairs. It is the heart of the College - a social space which everyone uses at all times of day, and

Whether it be for a library break, for JCR tea of an afternoon or to socialise and see friends, everyone uses the Junior Common Room (JCR). But beyond being a room in College, the JCR is the collective name for the 240 undergraduates at Corpus.

On alternate weeks, the JCR has meetings On alternate weeks, the JCR has meetings to determine the little things, like buying new JCR equipment, and the bigger issues to talk to College about. The interests of the JCR are represented by a committee of Officers and Reps, many of whom feature in this prospectus. Unlike a School Council, the JCR really does have the power to change the College environment, and the student voice is actively listened to. I couldn't think of anything more rewarding to be a part of.

Hi! I'm Jen, and I'm the Domestic Officer

for the JCR. This means I'm in charge of liaising between college and the JCR about domestic issues - mostly food related stuff.

Like all colleges in Oxford, Corpus provides catered food, or 'hall', for students throughout their degree, whether or not you are living on site. The system is

pay as you go, so you only pay for the meals you eat and can choose to eat in hall

as frequently or infrequently as you want. Meals are paid for with your university card, which you top up online.

The main thing is that you really have to think for yourself, which is a skill that I thought I had! My first piece of work was a travesty, but it's all about the learning curve to becoming an Oxford student.

My first piece of work was a bit of a mess, I had no idea what I was doing! But the upside of the fast-paced terms at Oxford is how quickly you find yourself improving.

Ellen SLEATH

Victoria WALKER

Rhiannon OGDEN-JONES



The JCR is a really close community with friendships and support across all year groups in a way that doesn't seem to exist as much at other colleges. I'm very lucky to have ended up here!

← Gemma DAUBENEY

Meals are affordable - Breakfast is £1.45 for tea or coffee and toast, and then £0.47 per cooked item, while Lunch is £2.49 and Dinner is £3.09. All three meals are served from Monday - Thursday. However on Fridays, Dinner is replaced by 'Formal Hall', a three-course meal where you are served at the table.

> Formal hall is £8.17, and each week you need to ballot for a place - although you can get priority if you have guests coming. At the weekend, Breakfast and Lunch are replaced by Brunch, which costs the same as Breakfast. On Saturdays there is no hall meal in the evening. meal in the evening.

Most off-site college accommodation does come with full kitchens, but almost all onsite accommodation is restricted to kitchenettes. However, if there is a particular reason you need access to a fully equipped kitchen, college will be happy to accommodate you. happy to accommodate you.

□ Jen DONNELLAN
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Corpus lawyers generally have around 4 days to complete the work for a tutorial, involving reading a list of cases, statutes, and articles, and writing an essay. It can be tricky to balance work with daily tasks and self-care, and it's still a work in progress. However, I've become better at can do while making sure I eat, relax, and talk to others. The tutors I've had at Corpus are highly supportive and communicating with them about difficulties I had with aspects of work and expectations helped. Your physical and mental health always come first.

Hi, we're Gemma and Will and we are the current welfare officers! You will probably see our faces around college a lot so feel inytime and we will be happy to meet up

Oxford is an exciting and busy place but much like any other university, it is not without its challenges. To try and make sure that you are not alone in navigating any difficult times, each college provides a welfare support system. This welfare system provides the student population with friendly faces to talk to and people to help give advice: no problem is too big or too small, whether you're facing trouble at home, mental health concerns or just need a breather in a hectic term. In the Corpus welfare system there are members of college staff who are trained to help you, including the Dean of Welfare/Chaplain, Welfare Fellow and the Senior Tutor, but we also have our own network of support within the student community.

The JCR elects one male welfare officer and one female welfare officer who, though elected by gender, are there to look after the welfare of ALL students in the Corpus JCR community. Primarily, they are there to deal with any welfare concerns you may have and are available 24/7 as a confidential ear and a source of empathy and advice.

The two officers also provide the JCR with sexual health supplies (including condoms, sanitary products, can fund pregnancy tests and help facilitate STI checks) and run a number of events throughout the term to try and keep

One of these is a welfare tea once every weekend with free food, tea and coffee. This tea is considered a safe space for students to relax and have a chat to the welfare officers or just to their peers Once a term, usually in the middle of term (sometimes the toughest time students), the welfare officers arrange a Corpus Cares week where they put on lots of fun events (including arts and crafts, yoga classes, ice cream trips and mental health workshops) to make sure the students feel cared for

Alongside the welfare officers, we also have a network of Peer Supporters. The Peer Supporters are a diverse range of Corpus students all trained by the University Counselling listeners and they are often a great port of call if you just want someone in college to

The important thing to remember is that you can get in touch with these people at any point and with any concern, even in the middle of the night or during the

Gemma DAUBENEY

The JCR has an Equal Opportunities committee, which consists of a BME (Black and Minority Ethnicities) Representative a Disabilities Representative, a Mental Health Representative, the Access Officer who also takes the role of the socio-economic representative, the LGBTQ+ Representative and the Women's Representative.

Each representative hosts events such as pizza nights for people to socialise, but also is there to talk to should the need arise. Each representative is contactable via the Access Officer if you have any questions, and there will be information going up on the JCR website so have a look there!

Since the college is over 500 years old accessibility can be an issue however almost all areas of the college site are wheelchair accessible and there are a number of wheelchair accessible rooms both on and off the main college site. Students with specific room requirements due to disabilities are given accommodation priority (please contact the college after receiving your offer) both by the college and the JCR accommodation ballot system. The college also has a number of portable ramps and a portable stair climber for use around the main college site. The JCR is committed to making the college even more accessible and the JCR disabilities rep is a point of contact for lobbying the college, providing advice and offering help in all disabilities-related situations



Hi, I'm Florence and I'm a Material Scientist, here's what my day usually looks like:

0630 / Twice a week meet at the Porters Lodge for a morning rowing outing. I really enjoy doing some exercise before starting my day, and have found rowing to be a great team sport to do this.
0830 / Breakfast in college. After rowing the team all go and have a cooked breakfast together before beading off to lecture (the

together, before heading off to lectures/the library.

ogoo - 1100 / Lectures at the Materials
Department. In between lectures, I chat
with friends from other colleges.
1100 / Head to college to spend an hour in
the library/chatting in the JCR before

heading to lunch.

1400 | Back to the Materials Department for labs till 5pm, or head to a tutorial in college for an hour, then the library.

1700 | Head home, and spend an hour or so working before cooking dinner.

1900 | Head to a talk at the Union, or result time with friends.

Florence GOODRICH

The college and university are great for providing funds for those in need, and Corpus also has funding for opportunities that you might not otherwise be able to do, even if you don't need support for general living costs, such as through the Expanding Horizons Scholarship or the Travel Grant. In terms of access, Corpus runs school visits throughout the year and summer schools and a range of other programmes, and there are plenty of other charities/projects you can help get involved with University wide!

Florence GOODRICH

All new freshers are assigned college parents, usually second years - one in their subject and one in a different subject. This is the same across all Oxford colleges, but at Corpus each fresher will have an academic parent and a social parent.

Parents are the first point of contact for freshers before they start and are also there to look out for them once they have arrived, with lots of families having college brunch together or going for a coffee to catch up in the first couple of weeks. It's a lovely system, as it means you have someone you know before you you have someone you know before you get to Oxford, and someone to look out for you during your time here!

Florence GOODRICH $I^{\prime}m$ Tara and $I^{\prime}m$ a Historian, my day goes something like this:

0830 / Breakfast in college with friends before starting the day's work. 0900 / Head to the library or a coffee shop to begin reading or essay writing for the

day.

1200 / Attend a lecture at Exam Schools

twice each week.

1300 / Get lunch with friends before heading back to the library.

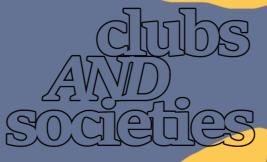
1600 / Attend a tutorial or class once or twice a week to discuss the week's work.

1800 / Dinner in College.
1900 / Head to debate practice or a
Cherwell newspaper meeting or spend time
relaxing with friends.

It is very common for Colleges to have pets such as cats and dogs but also more importantly - tortoises! At Corpus Christiour tortoise is called Foxe and the JCR elects a tortoise keeper (Custos elects a tortoise keeper (Custos Testudinium) to represent him as well as to do one more very important role, organise the annual Corpus Christi College Tortoise Fair! This started out around 50 years ago when our college made a bet with Oriel that our tortoise would beat theirs in a race. This has since grown so that all the college tortoises come together to race. The event also involves music, entertainment etc. and any money raised at the event goes to charity. The fair has been known to be quite big and is something that everyone can get involved in, one year even Blue Peter attended!

Within college walls, the three main social hubs are the JCR, the TV room and the BC (the Beer Cellar). The JCR is a great common room that specialises in free Tea, chill music, inter-year-group chats and late night library procrastination, and also doubles as Santa's grotto/the Mariah Carey tribute room for our Christmas party. The TV room is a quiet getaway space if you want to play video games, watch love island, or attend film club every Sunday evening. My personal favourite is the Beer Cellar, and not just for the £2 pints and the college 'Pelican' cocktail. The BC is a great space for chatting amongst groups and amongst years, whether you want to play darts or pool, chill out on Reggae Thursdays, or pre-drink before Fever - while the student bartenders and Barman Lance are always up for a laugh.

The Beer Cellar is at its best during our 'BOPs', where the whole college gets together three times a term to dress in costume, boogie along to the tunes of budget student DJs, rinse the Pelicans, and have meaningful chats you won't remember with someone's mate from home. BOPs are weird and wonderful, a bit like us Corpus lot, and whether you love or hate to go ubbing, the joys of partying in the basement of your own college shouldn't be missed.



There are plenty of societies to get involved with at Oxford, both at college and university level. College societies are great for making friends in college and they are really inclusive and fun to be a part of. I have made lots of new friends around the Unit through University und the Uni through University

I am a part of the college rugby team and it is really great to have such an inclusive environment. We have players from complete beginners to experienced university players and the team works really well on making sure everybody feels welcomed and has fun.

Russell REID

I'm part of Corpus Boat Club as well as the netball team. Both are great fun, the benefit of college sport is that anyone can get involved! Rowing was something I'd never tried before coming to Oxford, and I only really went along to the taster session so that I could say I'd rowed at Oxford, but I really enjoyed it and haven't stopped rowing since! I think joining a club is a great way to keep you active during busy terms - and it's great to be involved in the social aspect of being part of a team, it's a great way to make friends!

Florence GOODRICH