



Corpus Christi



JCR Alternative Prospectus

Our Students' View of Life at Corpus

President's Welcome



Hi!

I'm Isaac, a 3rd year Physicist, and the JCR President at Corpus! I am so proud to call myself a Corpuscule. Widely known as the 'small and friendly' college, everyone who walks through our doors immediately does away with any misconceptions of what it's like to live and study in Oxford – no matter who you are, where you're from, or how you identify, this is a place that anyone and everyone can call home.

We have so many amazing things on offer to make your time here as great as it can be. Whether you're looking for those classically 'Oxford' activities like Choir or Rowing, or something a bit more out there like Cheese Soc or Ultimate Frisbee, we've got you covered! We also have possibly the most comfortable and cosy JCR in Oxford (come and see for yourself!) where you can chill out, or grab a nice cuppa at our daily JCR teas.

Being President allows me to see every single day what makes our College the place to be, from big to small, from students to staff. But I'm not the only one lucky enough to see this, everyone at Corpus could tell you a million reasons why they love Corpus. Hopefully we've been able to capture just a little bit of that in this Alternative Prospectus to share with you, and show you just what's in store if you choose to call yourself a Corpuscule.

Accommodation

Accommodation at Corpus is provided for all years of your course, in a variety of locations around the city to suit your needs. In first year, everyone stays just across the road in Oldham Quad, in either the Oldham, Jackson or Kybald Twychen buildings; about half of these rooms are ensuite.

Rooms are split into bands A, B and C, in descending order of quality. Most of the rooms are actually band A though, as all of our rooms are really great!

After 1st year, rooms are decided by a ballot, your score on which determines which rooms you can choose. In your middle year(s), this is typically in the out-of-college accommodations of Liddell, Lampl and Banbury Road. Rooms on the main college site are typically reserved for final years, but anything can happen on ballot day! This is held one evening in Hilary Term and can be very exciting!



Food

Here at Corpus Christi three meals are available a day from our kitchen! Our hall is open five days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner—with brunch served until 12:30 on Saturdays and Sundays. Hall is easily accessible to all freshers - it's just across the road!

Our head chef, Jimmy, is always open to suggestions and requests, and will happily give any of your favourites a go! The Domestic Officer will send out daily menus and work with College to make sure everyone loves what's on offer!

Corpus is famous for its diverse menu, including plenty of vegetarian and vegan dishes (at least two at every meal). Jimmy buys halal food wherever possible—and all dietary requirements are catered for daily and clearly labelled!

Every Friday college holds a Formal Hall, which consists of three delicious courses for under £10 served in the hall and gives you the chance to dress up with your friends and bring guests from home!



When Augy became
a mime for the
CCCarnival!

'Entz'



Tom, Our Entz Pres



Hugo strikes the final
blow against Tom

So what is "Entz"? Entz (and me, the Entz Pres) is short for entertainment, so look out for Entz announcements for all your socializing needs! The Entz Pres (and their team of Entz Reps) are in charge of booking BOPs (Big Organised Parties) which can be hosted in clubs or in Corpus' very own Beer Cellar, and are always guaranteed to have great themes and things to do! Along with organising parties, Entz also hosts pub quiz nights, karaoke, board games and all that good stuff! All throughout term Entz hosts a wide range of events for non-drinkers and drinkers alike, so there is always something to do to take your mind off work for a few hours and socialise with people who share similar interests.

Our Beer Cellar Rep Immanuel,
making an LGBT-ini for our pride bop!



Naomi as the Grim Reaper from
Horrible Histories in our British Icons
Bop

Extra-Curriculars



Students are spoilt for choice when it comes to extracurriculars at both Corpus and Oxford. Getting involved in clubs or societies are great ways to make friends and make sure you take a well-earned break from your degree.

We have following sports clubs :

- Basketball
- Badminton
- Croquet
- Men's Football
- Men's Rugby
- Mixed Cricket
- Mixed Netball
- Rowing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Women's Football
- Women's Rugby



Getting involved in college clubs or societies is a great way to develop interests both inside and outside of your degree interests. It's also a great way to get to meet other people in college, particularly across other year groups. The JCR will hold a Clubs and Socs Fair in Freshers week where you can meet captains and presidents and sign-up, but you can usually join at any point in the year.

We also run lots of college societies:

- Acapelicans (Acapella)
- Board Games Society
- Chapel Choir
- Cheese Society
- Christian Union
- Classics Society
- Corpus Music Society
- Feminist Society
- Law Society
- Owlets (Drama)
- Poetry Society
- Science Society
- Yoga
- Chess Club
- Film Society



Jonathan
Clubs & Socs Officer



There's lots on offer at a University level too! The University runs a freshers fair at the start of term so you can go and meet members of societies you might be interested in joining. Almost anything you can think of will be on offer (trust us) – and if there's not, you can always set up your own. Make sure to grab some freebies whilst you're there, too!

Equal Opportunities

Corpus has a diverse and committed Equal Opportunities Committee who work together to ensure marginalised groups feel safe, secure and accepted at Corpus. There are seven reps who are elected every year - the Women's Rep, the LGBTQ+ Rep, the BME Rep, the Disabilities Rep, the Access Rep, the Mental Health Rep and the Class Rep – who are headed by the Equal Opportunities President. Together, the committee organise events to cultivate and nourish our diverse community, support students affected by discrimination, and make Corpus a more equal place.



Aaysha
Equal Opportunities
President

The Equal Opportunities Committee are responsible for running Unity Week. Unity Week is a celebration honouring Corpus' diversity and the great strength, tenacity and dedication demonstrated by groups who have historically faced impediments to their success and, unfortunately, continue to do so. In this way, we recognise the difficulties still present Oxford and the wider society so we can work together to eradicate these unjust hindrances.



Alex
LGBTQ+ Rep

Corpus is proud to have a thriving LGBTQ+ community. Our JCR displays a great variety of pride flags to highlight and honour sexual and gender diversity, especially those sexualities and genders that are too often ignored. We also often organise LGBTQ+ social events, as well as participating in university-wide events.

We recognise and appreciate the intersectionality between mental health issues and being a part of the LGBTQ+ community, so we have special Rainbow Peer Supporters who are trained to listen to and help queer or questioning students who are struggling.

Equal Opportunities

At Corpus, we celebrate and support our wonderfully diverse BME community. We appreciate that Oxford has historically been closed off to students of colour, so not only do we aim to eradicate lingering structural and societal impediments, but we also honour and recognise the achievements that have led to our BME students being here today as proud Corpuscles. We celebrate these students with events like BME formals, and we aim to illuminate the struggles faced by the community by inviting reputable BME speakers to speak about issues they have faced.



Arian
BME Rep

We appreciate that incoming freshers of colour may feel trepidation surrounding the prospect of entering a community that has historically been predominantly white, so we have a BME parenting scheme (similar to the college parenting scheme) to let BME freshers connect with current students from a similar background to them.



Katie
Women's Welfare

Corpus is proud to celebrate women's achievements and aims to highlight the misogyny still prevalent today. We recognise the importance of having a community of women supporting and looking out for each other, so we run social events to cultivate that community, such as women's drinks and women's movie nights.

Everyone is welcome at Corpus Feminist Society, where students to discuss important issues concerning women's rights, including issues of intersectionality such as the unique struggles faced by trans women or women of colour.





Finance

Thinking about finance at University can feel super daunting, but it shouldn't! There's plenty of reasons why you shouldn't have to worry about money at Corpus, and here's just a few!



Mipham
JCR Treasurer

Student Loans

Most UK national students are eligible for Student Loans from the Government. There is one called a 'Tuition Loan' which pays £9,250 to the College for your education. There is also a 'Maintenance Loan', which is means-tested and you may be able to receive up to £9,706 for living expenses at uni. You can learn more about eligibility for these loans and how to apply on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website!



Learn more about
Student Loan eligibility!

Bursaries & Scholarships



All the scholarship
information can be
found here!

You may be eligible for further support from the University, depending on your household income. If your annual household income is £27.5k or less and a UK resident, you will be offered the Crankstart Scholarship, which is a non-repayable bursary up to £5k, and also offers access to funded internships!

If you are ineligible/choose not to take up the Crankstart Scholarship, then you might be eligible for the Oxford Bursary, another non-repayable bursary up to 3.2k!

There are also lots of other scholarships that you might be eligible for! Detailed information on many of the scholarships available can be found by searching 'Oxford scholarships'!

Finance

Academic Grant

Students can apply for up to £150 reimbursement for academic related expenses. It's really easy to apply for and means you don't have to worry about most of your academic costs. Just remember to keep those receipts!

Other grants

There's also a host of prizes and awards for academic or non-academic performance, ranging from £25 to £500!

Rent

Because all students have the opportunity to live on-site for all years of their undergraduate degree, you never have to worry about renting privately. This means you only pay for the time you're using the room, and nothing more!

Travel Grants

If you are travelling for study, maybe for your dissertation or for research, you can apply for a variety of travel grants to help with the costs of it.

Part-time College work

There's a few opportunities to do a bit of paid work around the college. You might end up working on the Library Issue Desk a few hours a week, or helping out at interviews and open days as a subject ambassador!

Food

Food is provided daily in the College hall. If you choose to eat in hall (you should, the food is great!) then you will only be paying for the costs of the ingredients to make it! This means the food you eat in College is cheap and of fantastic quality – who could ask for anything more!

Welfare

Starting at university can be really frightening, but Corpus benefits from four amazing Welfare Officers (if we do say so ourselves) who are always around to help. We make sure that college maintains a welcoming and friendly atmosphere for all students and are there to respond to any concerns. Corpus really is the 'small and friendly' college, so we're always ready to stop for a chat!



Anna
BME Welfare

Each of us specialises in an area – Male Welfare, Female Welfare, BME Welfare and Gender-Neutral Welfare – so we can give the right support, and there's also a team of Peer Supporters so there's plenty of people to help with any problems and concerns that you may have. We are also supported by a lovely team of College staff. There's Judith, Dean of Welfare; Hanne, the College Nurse; Naomi, the College Doctor; Sara, the College Counsellor; and Colin, the Senior Welfare Tutor.



Theo
Male Welfare

Every Saturday afternoon we do Welfare Tea! This is where we provide heaps of free food, tea and support, and has become quite the institution at College. We also run lots of events during our special Welfare Week which occurs every Fifth Week of term, to combat those Fifth Week Blues. We've run womxn's film and pampering nights, ice-cream trips, sports' day and barbeques, wine and painting evenings and board game nights!

Another important job that we have is providing free sexual health supplies and sanitary products, and reimbursement for all emergency contraception. We're always coming up with new ways to improve Welfare at Corpus and are here for anything you need!



Mental Health

Studying at Oxford is incredibly rewarding, but can also be stressful at times. This can be worse if you suffer from mental health issues already. Luckily, mental health awareness is something the Corpus JCR is really keen to promote. There are many members with all different mental health issues, and so we aim to make a welcoming, inclusive environment where members can receive advice and support.



Rosie
Mental Health Rep

As well as the welfare team, there is also a Mental Health Representative who sits on the Equal Opportunities Committee. The Mental Health Rep acts as a contact between members of the JCR and the staff of the college, working with them to find suitable solutions to their needs. This could be simply flagging any issues with staff, or keeping in constant contact with the two parties to ensure that the individual's mental health issues are consistently being supported and acknowledge. They act as a supportive voice if someone needs to go to college, and can help to initiate the first contact.

To help you get accustomed to life at University and in Corpus, we run a College Parenting scheme. Every fresher will join a College family, usually with a few 1st year siblings, and 2nd year parents. At least one of your parents will study your subject, so you always have a place to get help on anything! They will also buy you carnations to wear for your exams, and when the time comes, you get to return the favour!

A DAY IN THE LIFE

7.45h – Alarm goes off and, after hitting snooze twice in a desperate attempt to catch up on the several hours of sleep I am missing, I roll out of bed and do some relaxed morning yoga at my window to properly wake up.

8.30h - Quick shower and I grab a bagel and a banana as breakfast and eat while speed-walking to my morning lectures in the Medical Sciences Teaching Center (MSTC) that I am always almost late for. Manage to squeeze in a seat with some medics from my college that I share the lecture with just as the lecturer says his opening words.



Emilia
2nd Year Biomedic

11h – Two lectures in a row are done and I have a psych lecture in Worcester college starting at 12h. I set off for a relaxed walk to Worcester, chatting with some other biomedics that I just sat with in my Neuropharmacology lecture, as we walk and go via Pret for a much-needed coffee and a croissant. Biomedical Sciences is a small course and, since we get to choose our own modules in second year, the lecture only had 8 students!

11:30h – The lecture theater at Worcester has an area to do some work in prior to your lectures, so I settle down here and sip my coffee while answering some emails. I like using this half an hour to get some work done for societies or JCR positions, in this case sending some emails off asking neuroscience firms for sponsorship of an upcoming outreach event with a prompt I sculpted last night.

12:30h – Grabbing another coffee with a friend I was just in the psych lecture with, I grab some nutrition on Cornmarket street (sushi!) and head off to the JCR, where I plop down on the comfortable couch to eat and simultaneously read over the essay feedback I just received for my Cellular Pathology module essay on atherosclerosis. The tutorial is at 13:30h so I don't have much time to ensure I understood the comments my tutor wrote and have at least read the abstracts of the studies he's suggested on the sidelines of my feedback.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

14:30h – Just finished my tutorial! We mainly discussed some relevant studies for the topic, looked at how we could design experiments to answer some questions that are still open and there was of course plenty of time for the tutor to explain any points we hadn't understood sufficiently.



The Fellows Building, where most tutorials in Corpus are

15h – Now time to read some papers and textbooks for my upcoming Sleep Neuroscience essay! On other days, I might have a practical class in the MSTC instead, which can range from growing and killing bacterial colonies to observing the contraction of an animal tissue in response to drugs that we expose it to in an organ bath.

19h – I've worked for a few hours and understand my essay topic much better now – my essay plan is coming together nicely, and I'll be able to start writing the body of the essay in the morning. I decide to take a break and grab some pizza with a friend from a different college, although I can't stay too long because I have volleyball practice soon.

21:30h – I'm done with volleyball and head back to my flat, which is luckily right next to Iffley Sports Centre. After working a bit longer to get at least two paragraphs of my essay done, I decide to call it a day and Facetime a friend from home for the rest of the evening.

oh – Try to (unsuccessfully) get enough sleep to wake up early again, so I head off to bed.

Like what you see?

Corpus Christi is open for prospective students, so if you want to come and have a look around, do!

You can also visit the JCR and College websites to find out more using the QR codes and links below!

Corpus College
website



or search
ccc.ox.ac.uk

Corpus JCR
website



or search
corpusjcr.org

We hope to see you soon!

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