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TUITION FEES

The Tutor for Admissions tells me that your offer of a place has been confirmed. My congratulations! We all very much hope you will enjoy your Balliol career.

One of my less welcome tasks is writing to people about money. Aside from general living expenses, the costs of your time at Balliol will fall into three main categories: the University Tuition Fee, the College Fee, and the rent that the College charges you for your accommodation.

University Tuition Fee

As you may recall, all students on full-time undergraduate courses have to contribute towards the cost of their tuition, in the form of the University Tuition Fee.

The amount of the Tuition Fee depends on your residence classification (Home/EU, Islands or Overseas – see www.admin.ox.ac.uk/studentfunding/fees/classification.shtml). The University Tuition Fee in 2011/12 for Home/EU students enrolling for their first undergraduate degree will be £3,375; this is reviewed annually and you should expect it to increase slightly each year. Information on costs for students with other residence classifications, and for those studying for a second undergraduate degree, is available via the website mentioned above.

You have the option to pay the Tuition Fee as you go through your course, in which case you pay the money to Balliol College before the start of Michaelmas Term every year; or – for Home/EU students – you will be able to take out a loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC) to cover it. If you decide to take a loan from the SLC this money will be paid directly by the SLC on your behalf to the University, so it is important that you indicated this on the Financial Declaration Form you returned to us earlier.

If you are paying the Tuition Fee to Balliol yourself and not taking a loan from the SLC then we would be very grateful if you could let us have payment by 14 October 2011 for the amount you are due to pay for your first year (for Home/EU students, this will be £3,375). **Please make cheques payable to “Balliol College”. We also accept payment by credit / debit card (not American Express). Credit card transactions are subject to a 2% handling charge. To arrange card payments, please call the Bursary on +44 (0)1865 277762. Payment can also be made via the Internet. Full details will be circulated with your College account in the week commencing 3 October 2011.**

College Fee

If you are an Overseas student, or studying for a second undergraduate degree, then the College Fee, like the Tuition Fee, remains your personal responsibility and must be paid by 14 October. The Balliol College Fee for 2011/12 is £5,920

Islands students may be eligible for support from the relevant Island government, which will normally be paid direct to the College. In this case a notification of eligibility must also be sent to the Fees and Battels Officer at Balliol College in advance of your arrival.

Maintenance loans/grants and bursaries

Many Home/EU students will be eligible for government loans and/or grants towards their maintenance (i.e. accommodation and living) costs whilst at University. These are normally dependent on household income. Home students from lower income families may also be eligible for an Oxford Opportunity Bursary, which provides additional non-repayable support to help with maintenance costs: details of this scheme will already have been sent to you by the University.

Finally, I take this opportunity to remind you of our policy that no-one should be unable to stay up at Balliol just because of financial difficulties: the College has good hardship funds available for those in demonstrable need, and details of these are supplied.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Balliol in October and in the meanwhile if you have any concerns about the information contained in this letter, or about your ability to fund your studies at Balliol, please do not hesitate to contact me, either in writing or by e-mail, addressing your enquiry to domestic.bursar@balliol.ox.ac.uk.

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