MCR Freshers’ Week Timetable 2014
(Friday 3 October - Saturday 11 October)

Ad hoc events not listed below include: Manor gym inductions (organised according to demand by the incoming Sports officer), and casual breakfasts, for students who would like to gather in the MCR in the mornings.

Sunday, September 28th – Thursday, October 2nd

Megaron
From 7pm, every night
If you are around for the week before Freshers’ then please come down to our MCR Bar, the Megaron, where there will be members of MCR Committee to hang out with and other early-birds to get to know!

Friday, October 3rd

President’s Welcome
8pm, MCR
Here’s when you meet your Committee, Officers and Peer Supporters, as well as all the new Freshers over a glass of something bubbly! Stalers, come down at 9 to meet the new Freshers!

Saturday, October 4th

Mentor/Mentee Meet and Greet
11.30am, MCR
Mentors and mentees get together to chat and get to know each other. Pretty self-explanatory, but important!

Picnic Lunch
12.30pm, meet at the Megaron
Make yourself a sandwich, grab a blanket, and come on down! Weather permitting, we’ll head off to Port Meadow – mentors and mentees are particularly encouraged to come along, but everyone is welcome. We’ll have some nice nibbles, but feel free to bring food to share!

Meet-your-floor dinners
7pm, Wing Kitchens
Free pizza! Meet in your nearest kitchen, and get to know the people you’ll be cooking beside this year. After dinner, down we’ll go to the Cockpit for our now-annual pizza box construction contest. Livers-Out, you are also invited – your pizza will be waiting in the Cockpit!

Sunday, October 5th

Ethnic Minorities Breakfast
9.30am, MCR
Identify as a racial or ethnic minority? Or maybe you find yourself coming from a culture very different from the one in Oxford? Then this is the perfect possibility to get some advice from your predecessors! Just come to the MCR, spend some time chatting and hear stories from ethnic minority and international stalers about their first few days at Oxford Uni and/or Britain over a lovely typical Cameroonian Breakfast / petit déjeuner à la camerounaise. There will be an alternative breakfast for the less adventurous ones.
Manorlympics
3pm, Master’s Field
A grand display of athletic prowess, no skill or actual ability necessary. There’ll be egg and spoon races, sack races, cracker eating contests, and bungee run. Stalers, there will be Freshers vs Stalers events, so come and represent the old people! From 4.30 there’ll be a casual cricket game, to get in the Oxford spirit!

Barbecue
7pm, Manor Garden
Yummy barbecue, in our lovely garden, so you know it will be good! There will be vegetarian/vegan food served at the BBQ, and everyone is welcome!

Game Show Night
9pm, Manor Cockpit
Family Fortunes, Blind Date and Newlyweds, revamped and starring you! Good way to get to know everyone, Fresher and Staler!

Monday, October 6th

Welfare Tea and Biscuits
3pm, Megaron
Still achy from those crazy feats at the manorlympics or tired from exploring Oxford? Come and enjoy an afternoon break with some tea and biscuits in the Megaron where a range of sweet and savory snacks will be waiting for you! We will move to the garden to enjoy some autumn sunshine if the weather permits.

Collect Balliol Freshers’ Packs
5pm, Balliol Main Site (may be collected from 10am)

Mentor/Mentee Normal Hall
6pm, mentors and mentees to meet as convenient

Pub Quiz
7.30pm, Manor Cockpit
Grab a team and show off your mad trivia skillz. (Yes, with a ‘z’). (Stalers welcome, don’t let the side down!)

OR

Balliol College Boat Club Welcome Drinks
7.30pm, MCR
A relaxed evening where you can find out more about rowing – that quintessentially Oxford experience.

Tuesday, October 7th

Today, students will spend time involved with inductions at their specific department of study.

Games Night
9pm, Cockpit
Students without department activities in the evening are invited to join us in the Cockpit to play card games, video games, and pool, as well as contest the Holywell Manor Foosball World Cup!
Wednesday, October 8th (College Day)

Praefectus’ Welcome and Introduction to Manor Staff*
11.00am, MCR

Treasurer’s Welcome: Introduction to the Battel System (Fabio Bianchi)
12.00pm, MCR

OUSU Welcome: Introduction to the Student Union
12.30pm, MCR

LGBTQ Lunch**
1.15pm, Balliol Main Site
Meet Daniel, your MCR LGBTQ+ officer, for a joint lunch in hall between LGBTQ (that's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or non-binary gender, queer, questioning, asexual, and/or other gender or sexual identities) members of both the MCR and JCR.

Mandatory Medical Registration for Graduates*
2.15 – 2.45pm, Balliol Main Site, Hall

Mandatory Sexual Consent Workshop*
3 – 4pm, Balliol Main Site

Balliol College Library Induction for Graduates
4.15 – 4.45pm, Balliol Main Site Library

Mandatory Balliol Graduate Induction (Introduction to College Officers)*
5 – 6pm, Balliol Main Site, Lecture Room 23

MCR Bar Exchange
7pm, meet in the Megaron
In conjunction with St John’s and Magdalen!

Movie Night
9pm, Manor Cockpit
Anyone who doesn’t feel like a bar exchange, come down to the Cockpit for movies and popcorn!

Thursday, October 9th

Fire Awareness Session*
9 – 9.30am, Balliol Main Site

OUSU Freshers’ Fair
11am, Exam Schools

Disability Awareness and Academic Affairs Lunch**
1 – 2pm, Main Site

Guided Tours of Oxford
2pm, meet at Manor lodge
Scavenger hunt
3:30 – 6:30pm, meet in the MCR

Women’s Welcome**
7pm, Balliol Main Site

Pick and Mix: Aziz, Old Bookbinders and G&D’s, My Sichuan
8pm, meet in Manor foyer
This one’s up to you, decide what you’d like to do and join that group!

Friday, October 10th

Balliol Freshers’ Fair
12 – 2pm, JCR

ReFreshers’ Fair
10am-3pm, Exam Schools
Returning students are welcome to pop in to sign up for societies and sports clubs today. You’ll need your Bod Card to get in.

International Students’ Lunch**
1pm, Balliol Main Site

Gym Inductions**
1.30 – 8pm, Balliol Main Site Gym

LGBTTea @ The Ashmolean Museum Rooftop
3pm, meet at the Megaron
To welcome all of our LGBTQ+ freshers (that's anyone who identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or non-binary gender, queer, questioning, asexual, and/or other gender or sexual identities) to the MCR, we've planned an afternoon tea with scones with cream and jam. We'll go to one of Oxford's best kept secrets, the Ashmolean's rooftop restaurant, and while there we can chat about LGBTQ+ life at Oxford and whatever else you'd like! All those who identify as LGBTQ+ or as a straight and/or cisgender person standing in solidarity with LGBTQ+ are welcome to attend.

Chapel Choir Rehearsal**
5 – 6pm, Balliol Chapel
The Balliol Chapel Choir sings, on average, once a week and is always looking for new voices to join, so pop in if you're interested! The choir is open to all – no audition necessary!

Graduate Freshers’ Pre-Dinner Drinks with College Advisors*
7.15 – 7.45pm, Senior Common Room Lounge

Graduate Freshers’ Dinner*
7.45pm Hall
This is also an opportunity to meet your College Advisors.

N.B.: ALL Graduate Freshers are invited to attend Freshers’ Dinner for free. All ‘staler’ attendees (i.e. those starting a new course who have already completed a graduate degree in Balliol) must inform the College Office IN ADVANCE if they choose to dine elsewhere that evening. Email tutorial.secretary@balliol.ox.ac.uk
Graduate Stalers’ Dinner  
7.45pm, Manor Cockpit

Port and Chocolate  
10pm, MCR

*Saturday, October 11th*

Punting/Indoor Entertainment  
11.30pm, meet in Megaron
This one depends on the weather, but we’ll keep you posted over the week!

Balliol College Boat Club BBQ and Rowing Taster**  
2.30pm, Balliol Boathouse
A walking party will leave from the Manor Lodge at 2pm.

High Tea and Bop Costume Making  
4pm, Manor TV room
Need an idea for your costume? Need a hand to staple it all together? Come to the TV room and find others similarly stuck. There’ll be scones!

Freshers’ Week Bop  
9pm, Manor
Highlight of the week, good music, good outfits, good fun.

*Sunday October 12th*

Welfare Brunch  
11am, MCR
Ease your sleepy brain with a yummy free brunch. Come early if you want the salmon!

Sunday Movies  
8pm, Manor Cockpit

*Monday October 13th*

Music Society Event: Anne-Sophie Mutter and Oxford Philomusica  
Concert starts at 7.30pm, meet at the Sheldonian Theatre at 7pm
To be followed by a trip to G&D’s.

*- Denotes a mandatory event.

**- Denotes a joint MCR and JCR event.