Jesus College ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

Created by current students to give you a sense of what studying at Jesus is really like!





Welcome!

Welcome to Jesus College's Alternative Prospectus! We've put this together to give you an idea of what studying at Jesus is really like and hopefully answer all the questions you have about college life. Enjoy!

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Location

Our beautiful college is located right at the heart of the city centre, situated between Turl Street, Ship Street, Cornmarket Street and Market Street.

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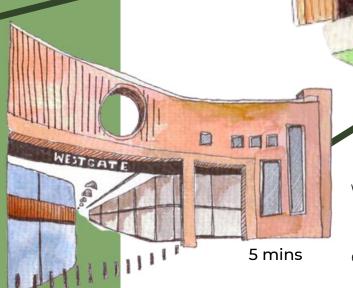
On Cornmarket St, which is a 2-minute walk away from Jesus College, you will find no shortage of restaurants or shops. From Pret, Itsu, Leon, McDonalds and many more, Cornmarket St has it! Cornmarket also leads to Market St which is where you can find the beautiful Covered Market.



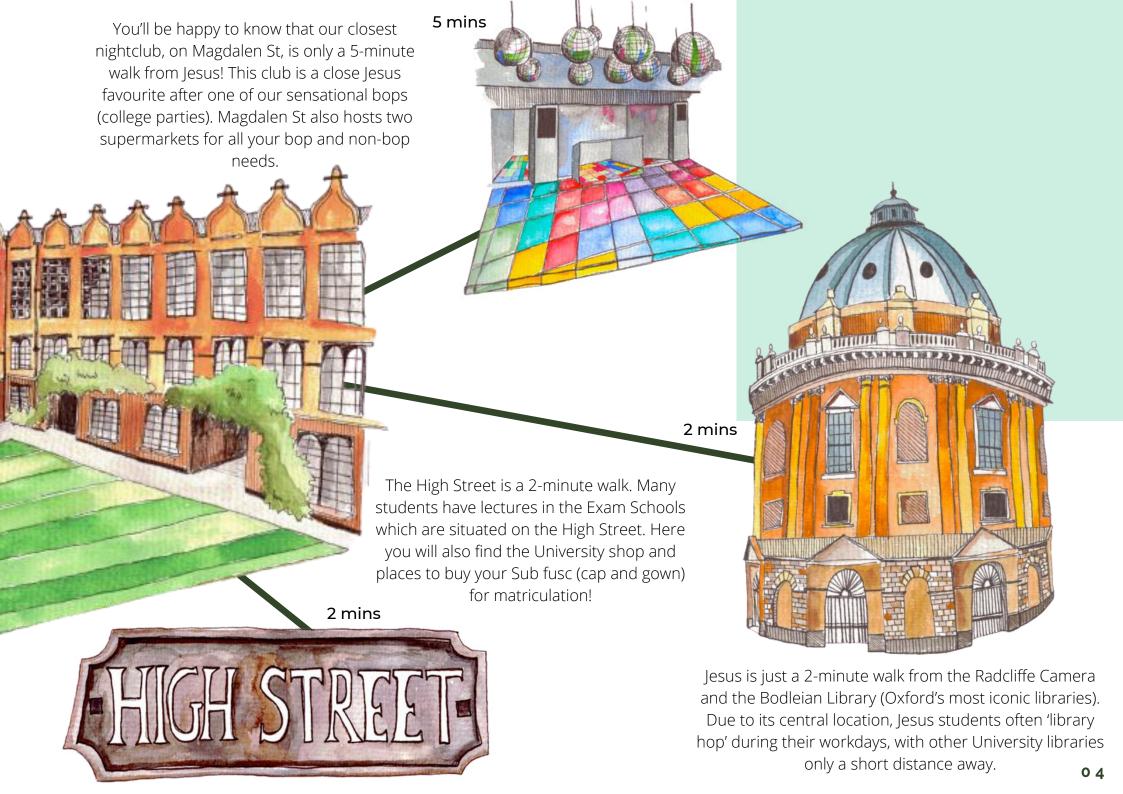
Our closest pub is a 3-St Michael's street. If the road around the



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Westgate shopping centre is only a 5-minute walk away. Westgate has an array of shops and restaurants as well as a cinema, gym, escape room centre and mini golf. Perfect to take a trip to during your leisure time!



THE JCR

The JCR (Junior Common Room) refers to the communal space within college used by undergraduates to chill out, get snacks, play games, watch TV and work casually. (JCR also refers to the body of undergraduates, but more on that later!)

In the JCR (which is wheelchair accessible) we have sofas and a TV - when something like Love Island, Eurovision, or rugby/football is on, loads of people in college gather to watch it together which is always fun! It's the social hub of college and you can rarely walk through without stopping for a chat.

Other things in the JCR:

- Kitchenette stocked with tea/coffee/hot chocolate
- A microwave and kettle for snacks
- Pool table and table tennis room
- Communal work spaces
- Vending machine









The JCR Bake-Off



Our BOPs are held in our JCR







THE BAR

voted 'best atmosphere' by the Cherwell in 2019!

The bar is the pride and joy of college! Aside from its obvious function as a vibrant, cosy and affordable pub, the bar provides a great space for all societies to have socials. One highlight is the weekly karaoke night which usually attracts a great crowd with staff and students alike!

We also have a UV room (as good as it sounds!) with a dartboard, and TV/gaming consoles - the room is a place to simultaneously relax and have fun.















OTHER

- A music practice room (you can book a slot online and collect the keys from reception)
- A college nurse's office (see our 'Welfare' section for more details on college healthcare and wellbeing)
- Our 24/7 libraries!
- A laundry room in college
- We also have laundry facilities at both annexe sites, and a small gym at Stevens Close (2nd year accommodation)



CCOMMODITION FIRST YEAR



GENERAL INFO

Room allocation is random and all rooms are

specify before you arrive, and are quite flexible (check Jesus College JCR website for contact details).

ROOM CONTENTS

- Every room should contain a fridge and a desk
- Students can bring a kettle
- First years don't have access to a kitchen (but see our 'Food' section for ways around this!)
- People get really creative with decorating their rooms, and manage to make them personal and unique!



'Single Sets' are single bedrooms, often with an ensuite, found in the newer buildings within college (e.g. Staircase 18, the Ship Street Centre).



DOUBLE SET



'Double sets' feature private bedrooms with a spacious living space and bathroom shared with one other student.



SECOND YEAR





Third and fourth years live in a mixture of 3 and 4 person flats at the Barts annex in Cowley (a 15 minute cycle, 10 minute bus ride or 30 minute walk).

Cowley (South Oxford) also has a vibrant mix of clubs, pubs, restaurants and shops - a fresh alternative from the city centre!









POST-FIRST YEAR **GENERAL INFO**

- Jesus College guarantees accommodation for all years of a student's degree, but after first year you can choose to rent privately (most people don't)
- All flats are fitted with a kitchen
- Leases last throughout the academic year so you don't need to move out at the end of each term



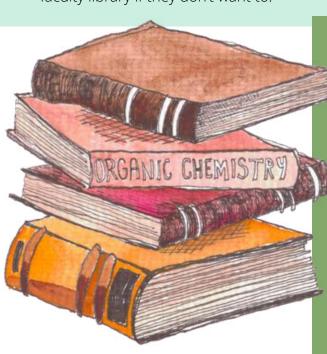




Here at Jesus we cater to both early birds and night owls: we are lucky enough to have 24-hour, self-service libraries, meaning you can work at any time of day (or night)! Furthermore, our librarians are incredible, and will often order in new books on request. This means many students never have to work in their faculty library if they don't want to.

Believe it or not, the most valuable commodity in College is... *drum roll*... library seats! This is because you can leave all your books at your desk overnight, which is extremely helpful whether you live on the main college site or not. But don't worry with four different libraries there are more than enough to go around! Take the quiz below to find out where you should work:





Upper Meyricke: Haters might call it "soul-sucking", but the only truly "silent" study zone, the UM, is the place to be if you want to grind through some work. Plus, as the top-floor college library, it's also the warmest - just try not to fall asleep (it happens more than you'd think)!

LM Gallery: Interested in anthropology? Then the LM Gallery is for you. With clear views of third quad from the windows and seats situated on a balcony over Lower Law, this library is great for both working and idle people-watching.

Lower Law: Contrary to what its name suggests, this library isn't just for lawyers: its chill atmosphere and easy accessibility (no stairs!) attract students from every subject. If you want to bash out an essay in (slightly) more privacy, there is even a secluded room to the right, mysteriously dubbed "the Cave."

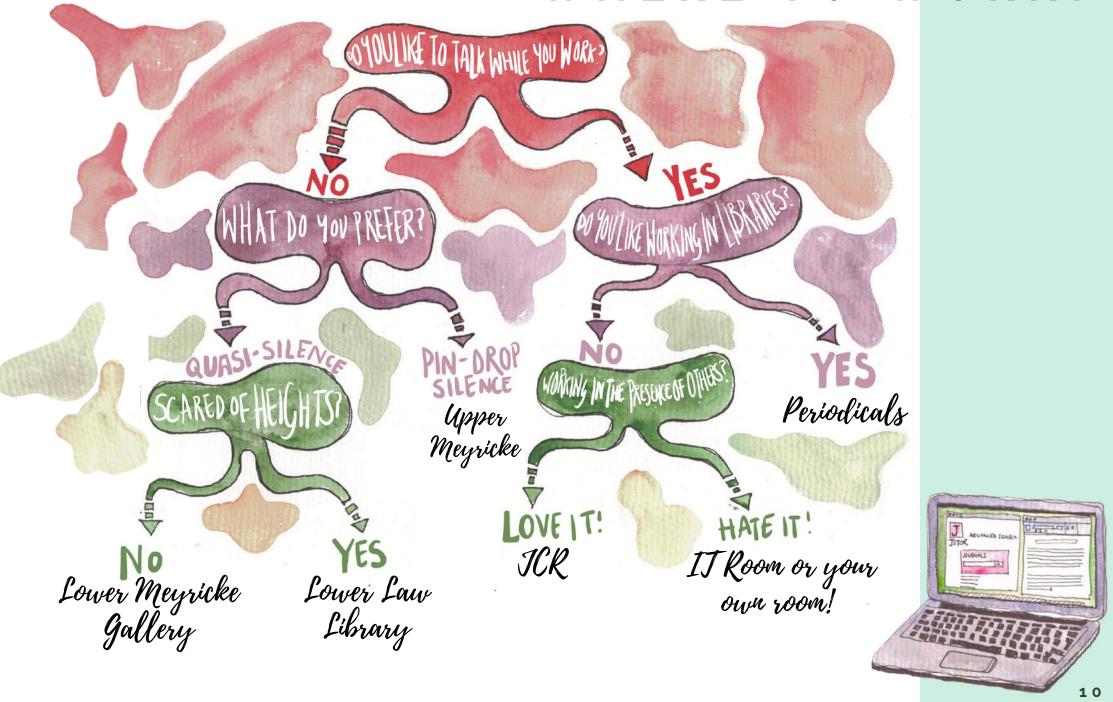
Periodicals: If you've ever felt the overwhelming desire to play a quick game of giant chess or hear about your mate's Friday night shenanigans while you work, then periodicals is the place for you! As the only Jesus library where chatter and activity are permitted, Periodicals is a great escape from the traditional "humdrum" library experience.

JCR: Sick of libraries altogether? Studying in the newly renovated JCR means you can mix work and food - possibly in the form of a panini from the "Hatch". Alternatively, you can combine work and play: the pool and ping-pong table are right there.

IT Room/Your Room: If you're looking for some more privacy, find the whirring sound of a printer soothing, or just really hate sunlight, then you will probably love working in the IT Room. That said, the only place in college where you truly have your own space (unless you book out a seminar room) is your room, where lots of people work best.



WHERE TO WORK?



Hall and Food



Malaysian Formal

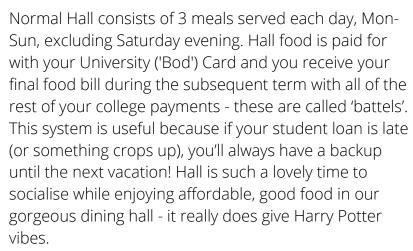
During 1st year, there are no kitchens available for students to use, so it is common for most people to get their meals from the college Hall. If you're worried about this, don't be! 2nd, 3rd and 4th year accommodation all contain kitchens where you can be fully self-catered, and many of these students regularly still come to eat in Hall.



Oxmas Form



HALL



- Vegan and vegetarian options always available.
- Canteen style selection so you can choose for yourself.
- Sandwiches to-go and a salad bar always offered.
- Common dinners include Sunday roast, curry, stir fry, sausages and mash (all with meat-free versions).
- Average main course is around £3.



FORMAL HALL

Formal hall is a fancier dinner that is usually held on Thursdays. However, you can always buy Second Hall if you don't want to go to a formal hall. It usually costs £7 and contains a three-course meal by candle light, served by the college staff. There are also themed formal halls such as international food nights: in the past, Polish and Nepalese have featured, although these tend to be a little more expensive (£13).

- Everyone is eligible for one free Formal each term.
- Choir members free formals on Sundays, after practice.



HATCH

Food from the hatch runs on the same Hall/ Formal Hall credit system. The Hatch is located in the JCR and is like a small takeaway cafe. Hot drinks, toasties, tea, coffee, cookies, fruit and all kinds of other snacks are sold at cheap rates, making it a very popular location for library breaks and catch-ups.





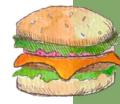




OTHER OPTIONS

As mentioned in our 'Location' section, Jesus is lucky enough to be surrounded by food outlets that can provide an alternative for Hall food if that's what you fancy!

- Tesco: home of the glorious £3 meal deal. You can also pick up a microwave meal to heat up in the JCR's microwave.
- Leon: offers a generous 15% student discount which is a huge win.
- Pret: not the cheapest, but still a quality choice.
- KFC/Burger King/McDonalds: not the healthiest of options, but for a 99p burger, who cares?



Socials

FRESHERS' WEEK

Freshers' Week is one of the most exciting times for the whole college, and almost everyone gets involved in some way. At Jesus, we elect our own Freshers' Week Presidents and Committee to ensure the week runs as smoothly as possible for you.

The Freshers' Week Committee buy club night tickets at a discounted rate for those who want to go out—so there's no worrying about buying tickets before you arrive. They also run free, non-alcoholic events such as movie or board game nights, ice-cream runs to G&Ds (the best ice-cream shop in Oxford), and ice hockey games! There'll be something on that will suit you no matter what!

CLUBS 'N' PUBS

Jesus is a central college, which makes it a prime location for social events. Many of Oxford's major clubs are within a ten minute walk, and there is an excellent Jesus turnout every weekend (and weekday!) Some of Oxford's quirkiest and oldest pubs are also close by if you're looking for something more relaxed: Turf Tavern and The Bear are just a few minutes' walk away.





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Every college hosts at least one bop per term, and Jesus is no exception. We have two per term except in Trinity, our summer term, to keep the noise down during exam season. It's best to think of them as a fancy-dress party mixed with a cheesy school disco, except with discounted drinks: £5 for 5 (strong) drinks. They're often the highlights of term, and Jesus' bops are extremely fun and well attended across the years: they're a great way to mix with new people in college! We also run our own highly popular DJ system where students sign up for half-hour slots, which are quickly snapped up.









OTHER EVENTS

The JCR committee also host a number of other events for the college throughout the year. At the end of our first term (called Michaelmas term), we have **Dinner Dance**, where almost everyone gets dressed up and heads out to a nearby venue (often hotels!) for a three-course meal and party. It's usually the committee's last formal event before they handover their positions to those just elected, and always gets a huge turnout.















In our summer term (called Trinity Term) we have **Summer Soirée** at a café-bar called Frevd in Jericho. As it happens in 9th week, almost everyone is finished with exams and is in the mood to celebrate. Plus, there is always live music, giving some of the Jesus music groups and dancers a chance to show off! That these events have such a good turnout really highlights how much everyone in Jesus genuinely enjoys hanging out together as a college.





Sports and Societies



WHAT'S ON?

Here is a (by no means exhaustive) list of some of the sports and societies we offer at Jesus College:

- Women's football
- Men's football (1st and 2nd team)
- Tennis
- Jesice (Ice Hockey and Ice Skating)
- Rowing
- Netball
- Hockey
- Mixed Lacrosse
- Climbing
- Cricket
- JQ (cue sports club)
- Squash
- Non-auditioning chapel choir
- Jesus Acapella Choir
- JR Green (history society)
- Herbert (english society)
- Chess club

- Jazzus (college jazz band)
- The Turl (arts magazine)
- Turl Street Arts Festival
- Drama Cuppers (yearly drama competition)





The best part? This doesn't include the hundreds of university-wide societies and sports teams you can get involved with! The other best part? If you don't see a society for something you're interested in, you can set one up!



TURL ** STREET ARTS FESTIVAL

Turl Street Arts Festival is a weeklong event run by students at Jesus, Lincoln, and Exeter - and the highlight of the artsy year!

The week includes a diverse range of cultural events, from Poetry & Painting to Shit Faced Shakespeare nights, all culminating in a buzzing street fair with stalls and a stage. It's a great opportunity for students to get involved in the Oxford arts scene in a relaxed and friendly environment, and to have some fun!





What's great about Jesus College is the inclusive attitude to sports and societies. Everyone is welcome to join, regardless of their ability or experience - in fact, trying new things is actively encouraged! What's even greater about Jesus College is the supporter culture: JC fans are notoriously enthusiastic, and show up in vast quantities regardless of the weather!













Equality and Niversity

Equality and diversity is an integral part of the College. The College is known for being the friendliest college in Oxford, providing a welcoming environment for students from different cultures, socio-economic backgrounds and disabilities. The College has many support systems and initiatives to promote diversity and inclusion.

The **equal opportunities sub-committee** is dedicated to making college life accessible to all, representing different groups within our community. This consists of 2 BAME representatives, 2 LGBTQ+ representatives, a trans rep, an interfaith, women*, Junior Members' scholarship (see below for more information), Class, International and Disabilities representatives. These representatives are elected each year and provide advice and support to students from these respective communities.

The Junior Member's scholarship was set up in 2012, providing full funding for a student to study at Jesus College from an area of the world where access to higher education is restricted.

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BAME

Here, at Jesus, we have two BAME reps (part of the equal opps sub-committee), who are responsible for executing BAME initiatives for the undergraduate cohort. The BAME community is growing at the College and has had opportunities to host events, including a Black History Month event and Diwali Celebrations.

Meron Haile: One misconception I had before coming to Oxford was that I wouldn't find people that I connected with. That's definitely not the case. The small community means that we're able to form great relationships with other ethnic minorities within College, as well as other societies such as the ACS (African and Carribean Society).

LGBTQ +

lesus College is a great environment for people who identify as LGBTQ+, with many college members participating in LGBTQ+ events and the college frequently hosting the university's LGBTQ+ Society's Tuesday drinks. There are two LGBTO+ representatives, and a trans rep in the JCR's Equal Opportunities Subcommittee, who work to promote events and opportunities for college members who identify as LGBTQ+ and ensure the college remains a space where people of all orientations and gender identities are respected.

Anonymous: For many, university is a place separated from their previous lives where it is safe - sometimes for the first time - to explore queer identity. The insecurity that, as bisexual, I was "not gay enough" to fit into the gay community was a worry that dissipated in the friendly and welcoming environment of Jesus College. Here is a place I truly feel comfortable to come out of my shell.









INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students are students who do not reside in the UK. During your time at Oxford, there will be multiple opportunities for you to meet other international students, providing you with tips and advice on how to adjust to living in Oxford. The International Representative organises events throughout the year, including formal dinners that are inspired by a country's food.

Mateja Zdravkovic: As an international student, one of my biggest worries was that I would forget about my culture. That is not the case: the numerous events organised by each country's society not only ensure we do not forget our culture, but are also excellent opportunities to connect with people from other colleges.

DISABILITY

A disabled student at Oxford can include anyone with a disability, long term health issue, SpLD, chronic illness, or mental health issue. There are many services you can access as a disabled student in and outside of College, including the Counselling Service, and the Disability Advisory Service.

Emily Manock: A common misconception I had before coming to Oxford is that I would not be able to find community here, but by getting involved with Discam [Oxford's disabilities campaign] has led me to meet lots of great disabled students who have been a great support system.



Polish Formal Menu





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JCR WELFARE OFFICERS

The ICR Welfare Officers are students elected by the JCR. They arrange college welfare events and are always on hand at social functions such as bops. They are trained to listen to fellow students who are struggling or feel overwhelmed by either personal or university related issues in a nonjudgemental manner. We have both a male/non-binary and female/nonbinary rep so you can contact whoever you're most comfortable with!

WELFARE OFFICER, FELLOW AND COUNSELLOR

Welfare Officer has extensive sectors and our Welfare Fellow is consultative committee once a term. This committee provides funds to the counsellor is available for frequent student Welfare Officer or not, it's completely up to **you**.

PEER SUPPORTERS

The Peer Supporters consist of around 8-10 JCR and MCR members who are trained to provide drop-in chats. However, they are always available to students who need someone to talk to - so if you ever need to get something off of your chest there is always someone willing to listen at Jesus!

WEEKLY WELFARE EVENTS

These are the highlights of every Jesus student's week. Our amazing Welfare Tea is hosted every Sunday afternoon in the JCR. It consists of chats, food, snacks, tea and coffee. It is all **free** and food requests are taken beforehand (it's truly immense). Yoga and mindfulness sessions are also available for free on a weekly/fortnightly basis in college to switch off from work. Jesus also often arranges welfare dogs to come visit our JCR to alleviate stress with much needed dog cuddles!



5TH WEEK (WELFARE WEEKEND)

Welfare Weekend is a fantastic weekend full of fun and relaxing activities put together by our JCR Welfare Officers. At Oxford we find that students often experience 'fifth week blues': being just over halfway through term, many students feel tired and demotivated during the fifth week of term. Our Welfare Weekend typically at the end of fifth week - helps combat this with some extra welfare fun! Movie nights, facemasks and dog walks are all firm favourites! Another favourite is the 'Welfairy', an event where students can anonymously nominate their peers for some welfare. Then, magically, the welfairy delivers sweets and chocolate along with a personalised message - it's the little things!

COLLEGE PARENTS

College families are a unique and wonderful feature of Oxford. Basically, you'll be assigned two or three parents (who are usually in 2nd year) and will spend time with them in Freshers' Week; usually, lunch and dinner will be arranged. It's kind of like a buddy system and they'll be able to give you advice regarding studying, freshers dos and don'ts and general uni life hacks, making the transition to uni less daunting and WelFUN;).

"the greatest wealth is health" -Virgil

COLLEGE NURSE AND GP

The nurse and GP come into college every week. The GP comes twice a week, whereas the nurse is present every morning and afternoon Monday-Friday. The nurse's room in college also doubles as a safe, quiet, welfare space where people can read or use the soft toys to calm down.



The ICR Committee

As well as the physical common room space, the JCR (Junior Common Room) also refers to the body of undergraduate students. The JCR committee are members of the JCR who have been elected to a specific role, or to represent a section of the JCR or an aspect of college life. JCR meetings are held roughly 4 times a term, and we encourage everyone to attend and debate/vote on the motions put forward - the free food (including pizza) is definitely an incentive to attend!





COMMITTEE ROLES:

- President
- Vice president-Treasurer
- Secretary
- Male/Non-binary Welfare Officer
- Female/Non-binary Welfare Officer
- ACC Rep (Accommodation, Catering and Conferences) the ACC rep liaises with college on all matters concerning food, accommodation, rent and the bar
- Environment and Ethics Rep (x2)
- Academic Affairs Rep
- Charities Rep
- Access Rep
- **Equal Opportunities Officer** (see our EO subcommittee page for more roles)
- Social Secretary

- **Entz Rep** in charge of providing club wristbands and tickets for the JCR
- IT Rep
- Sports Rep
- Arts Rep
- **Stash Rep** in charge of providing college-branded merchandise for the JCR
- **SU Rep** the link between Jesus College and the Student Union

If you have a question for any of the reps, we keep our website up to date with their relevant contact details, so feel free to message!

'BATTELS'

Battels is an Oxford word which means fees. Your rent, printing and Hall food costs are all charged to your Battels, which are usually paid off in the middle of term (you pay the charges from the previous term, and the rent for that term.) Your Battels may look a bit like this:

HT2019 Battels

Details	Debit	Credit	Balance
JCR Charities - HT19	£ 8.00		£ 8.00
JMS Scholarship - HT19	£ 4.50		£ 12.50
Catering charges - 1Oct18 - 31Dec18	£ 204.65		£ 217.15
Catering charges (VATable)	£ 1.19		£ 218.34
MT18 Printing charges	£ 23.10		£ 241.44
Hall Charge Live In - HT19	£ 75.69		£ 317.13
Rent - HT19	£ 1409.71		£ 1726.84

COLLEGE FUNDS

Jesus college has loads of available funds and grants to help with academic and non-academic costs! For example, there are book grants, funds to start societies, funds to pay for sporting equipment, funds for music lessons...

A college favourite is the **Dodd Fund:** every student at Jesus is eligible to apply for around £300 for **non-academic** travel (yes you read that right!) You can use it to pay for a holiday!



£300 Ice Hockey Club fund, paid for by the Phillip Jones Fund



SUPPORT

There's plenty of support available if you're struggling with funds for whatever reason, both from the college and from the university. Our Academic Services Manager is the person to see, who can talk to you about your situation and suggest solutions such as:

- Access to Learning Fund (ALF)
- University Hardship Fund (UHF)
- Pausing your battels until you're in a more stable financial situation

UNIVERSITY GRANTS

The University offers extra grants according to household income. A table showing how much you could be entitled to is available on the university website.

Every year, the uni publishes updated figures for estimated costs, so this is a good starting point if you're thinking about potential expenditure.

Finance

Money should never be a barrier to studying at Oxford - Jesus college and the university itself have a vast number of bursaries, scholarships, grants and support schemes available. See the final page for links to the uni and college websites for more information!



WHAT MAKES JESUS SPECIAL?

"What I love about being a Jesubite is the way in which inter-year friendships are not only tolerated but are an intrinsic part of our college identity. Oh, and the hash browns really make the mornings!"

-Hee-Chan Kang (3y, Law)

"[Thanks to the living arrangements,] whether it's finding that beautiful café to work in or a nice bar with live music before an evening out, you'll be sure to know the best hotspots, as well as the lesser known gems, in the whole of Oxford." - Rebecca Pattenden (1y, Geography)





Matriculation



"It's really nice to recognise everyone as you walk around college, and everyone is so friendly and supportive of each other, there is always someone there for you if you need it!"

- Emily Barter (3y, Geography)

Highlights

"I love Jesus because even if I'm wandering round college in my pjs, I wouldn't feel judged by anyone."

-Harriet Wall (2y, Psychology)















Diwali Ball 2019

"What I love about Jesus is how supportive everyone is. Whether it's in the library at 3am or in the bathrooms at a bop, you can always find a friendly face!"

-Connie M (1y, History and Modern Languages)





Summer term picnics on Second Quad!



BOP.



"I love Jesus college due to its humility. No-one is too big for college, no matter who you are or where you're from. Everyone wants to be involved and everyone wants to be a part of it."

-Jonny A (4y, Physics)

"There's no better feeling than playing football with some of the wider Jesus community cheering on (even Principal Nige has been known to watch a game!)"

-Tim Brown (2y, Geography)

"What I like about Jesus college is that it's a place that celebrates in equal part, culture, diversity and heritage. For example the international formal dinners help us to celebrate and explore different cultural identities, while channelling the proud heritage of England's oldest university."

-Rayvanth Zama (1y, History)

#BLEEDGREEN



Post-exam celebrations:





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