



Somerville College, Oxford

Admissions interview information (for Graduate-Entry Medicine applicants)

We hope you enjoy your stay at Somerville for admissions interviews. This document explains what you need to do before you arrive, and what will happen while you are here.

1) Before you arrive

The interview invitation email which you should have received specifies the date and time that interviews at Somerville will start for your course. It is important that you arrive at Somerville in good time to be ready by the time stated. If you are concerned about being able to reach Somerville on time on the day specified, you would be welcome to arrive the night before.

You are provided with free accommodation and meals at Somerville throughout the time you are required to be available for interviews.

Please immediately complete and return an Interview Arrival Form, which you can download from the College Web site at <http://www.some.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions/>.

On the form, let us know:

- a) estimated arrival and departure dates and times
- b) dietary requirements (due to allergies, medical conditions, religion, etc)
- c) other arrangements required, such as accommodation or interview-related arrangements (due to disability, health condition, religion, etc)

You may leave Oxford only once you have had all the interviews scheduled for you at two colleges. Details of these interviews will be available when you arrive at Somerville.

Please note that all Somerville premises, both indoors and outdoors, are non-smoking.

2) Arrival at Somerville

The College's front gate, on Woodstock Road, will be locked at 8.30 pm each evening. If you are delayed, and arrive after this time, you can ring the bell next to the front gate, and/or call the Porters' Lodge (the reception in Woodstock Road) on + 44 (0)1865 270600, and someone will open the gate for you. Please also call the Porters' Lodge as soon as you know you will be delayed, to give them an estimated time of arrival.

Information on how to get to Somerville is available on the College's Web site at: <http://www.some.ox.ac.uk/contact-us/>

Please note that no parking is available at Somerville. If you have mobility difficulties or other access requirements, please let us know.

3) While you're at Somerville

When you arrive, you should go to the Porters' Lodge. There, you will be given the key for your room, and an electronic access card to open doors into buildings.

Interview timetables will be available in the Old College Bar, in the House building. The Porters will be able to direct you there.

There is a map of Somerville on the back page, to help you find the buildings you need to go to.

Meals

Meals, free of charge, are available from the College's self-service Pantry, and eaten in the Dining Hall (across the corridor from the Pantry), at the times below:

Breakfast 7.30 am – 9.00 am (Tuesday 15 to Wednesday 16 December); 7.45 – 9.00 am (Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December)

Lunch 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm (Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 December)

Dinner 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm (Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 December)

Lunch and dinner are both usually hot meals, with dessert available. Some soft and hot drinks are also available, in addition to drinking water. Confectionary is available from vending machines around the College. Our Catering department can accommodate a wide range of dietary requirements.

Accommodation

Each applicant has his or her own single study-bedroom (free of charge), in an accommodation block on the College site. Bedding and a towel are provided. Bathroom facilities are shared between a number of bedrooms. Accommodation will be mixed (men and women in the same building/on the same floor), and men and women may be sharing bathroom facilities, though individual toilets and showers are in private cubicles.

There are no rooms available with en-suite bathroom or toilet facilities.

Some administrative offices and tutors' teaching rooms are located in the same buildings as sleeping accommodation.

Fire alarm and fire regulations

The fire alarm is a loud siren. A fire regulations notice is posted in every bedroom; please make sure you are familiar with these instructions.

Telephones and Internet

If you expect any telephone messages, the number for callers to ring is + 44 (0)1865 270600. Internet access is provided for free by The Cloud, end-user help is available from The Cloud via <http://www.thecloud.net/free-wifi/join-the-cloud/>

Prayer room

A room suitable for prayer and quiet contemplation will be available to members of all faiths and none.

Welfare

We recognize that admissions interviews are stressful, and we want you to feel comfortable while at Somerville. During the day, College staff will be available in the Academic Office (House 4, ground floor of House building) and Student Helpers in the Old College Bar. Outside office hours, the Porters may be reached at + 44 (0)1865 270600.

Security

Oxford is no more dangerous than other large towns, but as a general precaution, you are advised not to go out of College alone late at night. While you are with us in Oxford, we have a 'duty of care' to take reasonable steps for your safety. In light of the responsibility we have, we restrict access to College and try and encourage you to keep as close to home as possible. The College's front gate, on Woodstock Road, is locked at 8.30 pm each evening. If you are delayed, and arrive after this time, you can ring the bell next to the front gate, and/or call the Porters' Lodge (the reception in Woodstock Road) on + 44 (0)1865 270600, and someone will open the gate for you. You are expected to stay in College for the minimum interview period for your subject, but if for any reason it is necessary for you to leave before this time, please let the porter know that you are leaving early when you hand in your room key, so that we do not become anxious about your whereabouts and can account for you in an emergency.

You will have received from the Porters' Lodge an electronic access card which will grant you access to the required buildings in College. It is important not to hold the door open to others when entering the building unless you know that they too have cards. It may seem rude, but tailgaters are a problem which can result in strangers gaining access and opportunities to steal. Your belongings are left entirely at your own risk anywhere in College and at any time. Please remember to lock your door and windows every time you leave your room.

Departure

You will be asked to vacate your room by **10.00 am** on your departure date. It is important to do this, as your room may be needed for other guests. On the day that you depart, the Porters' Lodge will have facilities available for you to leave your belongings and freshen up if necessary.

Please return your **keys and access card** to the Lodge upon departure.

Outcome of applications

We will notify you of the outcome of your application on 6th January 2016.

If you wish the communication to be sent to you at **an email address other than that you have given on your UCAS form**, it is **vital** that you let us know before you leave Oxford, and preferably immediately. Please email admissions@some.ox.ac.uk with your full name, the course you are applying for, and your new details. This is particularly important for overseas applicants who are applying from UK schools.

Note that the outcome of applications will **not** be available over the telephone.

Good luck, and enjoy your stay!

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