

Somerville College Middle Common Room

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Dear Somervillians,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Somerville College MCR!

For the uninitiated, “the MCR” refers, somewhat confusingly, to both the physical space of our common room within College, as well as to the entire graduate student community at Somerville. As a member of the MCR, you are welcome (actually, encouraged) to make full use of all facilities. The MCR is located in the Margery Fry building. Please do get in touch or ask the porters at the lodge if you need directions.

Our MCR is fitted with a spacious common room, a TV Room (featuring four lovely new sofas), a Kitchen/Dining Room. Beginning this year, we will have a dedicated graduate study space in the new Catherine Hughes building. Most evenings you can find people hanging out in the MCR, chatting, watching movies, playing music, drinking tea, buying a round of drinks from the Somerville bar (or even getting some work done!).

We have a plethora of events planned for your arrival to Somerville and we aim to keep up our reputation of being the most fun, inclusive, and relaxed graduate community in Oxford. Some of the events you can expect to see include: bops (Oxonian for fancy dress parties), welfare teas, wine and cheese nights, movie nights, going to other colleges for exchange dinners, pub trips, arts and crafts nights, and much more. Please come and join us! Attached is the Freshers’ Week Social Calendar.

To stay informed about all of our events, announcements, and assorted goings-on, I strongly encourage you to join our Facebook pages (links below). If you don’t have a Facebook account, or don’t check your Facebook often, we also email a notice of all events and major activities to our mailing list, to which with any luck you should automatically be added.

The MCR is run by a small committee of students responsible for organising the social activities, welfare provision, day-to-day management of the common room and generally making your time in Oxford the best it can! One of our main priorities is to ensure that everyone feels welcome and at home in Somerville. We organise a variety of events, provide student support and information, and liaise with the college administration on issues that affect graduate students.

Our social secretaries **Pippa Gleave** and **Laurel Kaye** are working hard organizing a fun-packed schedule of events during Freshers’ week and through Michaelmas term, while our welfare officer **Ondine Atwa** is available should you need any help of any kind. **Kevin Judd**, our treasurer, looks after our finances and invests our money in obscure currencies and offshore funds – (we joke), **Tom Hickling** is responsible for all things related to the MCR and Margery Fry and finally, **Tash Oughton**, our vice-president and I are well versed in all things Somerville and Oxford should you have any questions.

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Somerville is a diverse, laid-back, open-minded college and in my opinion, which is not at all biased, we have one of the friendliest and most open communities of graduate students! There is so much more to tell you about, but rather than dragging out this welcome letter I will wait until I see you! If you have any questions at all please email myself or anyone else on the committee and we will try our best to answer. We know you will be soon be bombarded with a lot of information and that Oxford life can be confusing at first, but we're here to make your transition as stress-free and easy as possible.

Our website also has lot of useful information: <http://blogs.some.ox.ac.uk/mcr/>
I hope to meet you soon at one of our many activities, and that you'll be an active member of our vibrant community. Please shoot me an email if you have any questions!

All the best,

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