

*Welcome from the JCR*

Firstly, congratulations on making it to St John's! We know how much of a challenge every step of the application process is, so hopefully you are celebrating your achievements adequately.

Just a couple of bits before we get into the meat of this welcome:

- [Here](#) is an (unofficial but great) freshers' guide to St John's College – well worth a read.
- Please join the [Freshers' Facebook page](#) if you haven't already. We'll be posting details to all sorts of events and what not on here leading up to and during Freshers' Week.
- If you would like to join the St John's freshers' group chat, that's [here](#), on WhatsApp.

Anyway, hey! I hope you don't mind if we quickly introduce ourselves. We're Brad, Louisa, & Laurence, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years at John's, and this year's Freshers' Week Co-Chairs. This means we are currently organising all the events to be run by the JCR (the guide conveniently explains this term) during Freshers' Week, with the help of our committee. It also means we are well-suited to answer any questions if you have any. Feel free to email directly (firstname.lastname@sjc.ox.ac.uk), find us on messenger via the Facebook group, or pop a message in the WhatsApp group.

While the JCR Freshers' Week timetable will be distributed in due course, it would be useful to have a few details about you so that we can get nice and organised. **Please fill in the form [here](#) by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.** If you are a bit late, please fill it in anyway – we'll do our best to accommodate you.

One more thing – our Welfare team have asked us to forward [this little quiz](#) onto you all. There are more details about this in the guide but, in a nutshell, one of Oxford's most weird and wonderful traditions is college families. Before you arrive, you will be assigned 'college parents', who are 2/3 John's students going into their second year. As you will be able to message them before you get here, they make great people to direct any concerns or questions you have about university life to. As you'll also get college siblings, it's lovely to have a few familiar faces under your belt when you arrive. The quiz is designed to help you get paired up with parents who you'll best get along with, and **closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.**

That's it from us for now – thanks for making it to the end! If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact one of us! We've been freshers ourselves, so know how daunting it can feel. Anyway, enjoy the rest of your summer – see you soon!

Warm wishes,  
Bradley Croucher, Laurence Cooke, & Louisa Kotzee  
*Freshers' Week Co-Chairs*