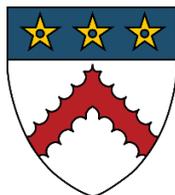


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Welcome Back

Welcome back to Keble. As you return to College you will notice that there have been some changes and this short document summarises the main things you might want to know.

We intend for this year to be a normal year as far as possible. That means the Hall, Library and other College spaces are open, social mixing is not restricted by households, sports activities are up and running, you can invite guests into College, and more teaching will be in-person. For that to continue, we will all need to 'be responsible, be considerate and be safe'; there is a separate communication on the things we should do to reduce the risks associated with Covid-19.

But, across the colleges (and much of the country) there's now a real challenge to recruit and retain staff, especially in catering. We're working hard to fix this, but some facilities and events will not be completely back to normal until the situation improves.

Many of you will understandably be unfamiliar with how things run in College in 'normal times'. At the start of term, it would be a good idea to refresh your memory of the **College Handbook**: <https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/College-Handbook.pdf>. It is (inevitably) a long document but it's also a very informative one. Staff in the Accommodation and College Offices are spending quite a lot of time answering queries about things that are in the Handbook. You should find time to refresh your understanding of the **core policies on equality, free speech, and harassment**, which are found towards the end of the Handbook.

Hall is open for sit-down meals with no restriction on numbers. Formal Halls start in 1st week (Sunday, Tuesday and Friday) with booking online as normal

The **HBAC café** is open for seated service and takeaway 08.30-16.00 Monday- Friday.

We're aiming to open the **bar** and the **pizza café** 15.00-21.00 7 days a week

The **Library** will be open 24/7 with a full borrowing service and 55 seats for readers, but book quarantine, Click & collect and remote services are discontinued. Readers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings. Fiona Wilson, the Librarian, will be sending round an email about refresher training for returning students who may not be used to the Library and its systems. The Bodleian are offering various web-based and in-person options: see, <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/getting-started/under-post-graduates> but if you have any questions please email library@keble.ox.ac.uk.

The bar is available as a **study space** even during the hours when the café isn't open.

The **gyms** are open for booking by members, although with limited capacity (to be reviewed later in term).

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The **sports ground** is open but teams will need to turn up ready to play; the toilets in the pavilion will be available.

There is no set capacity for **Common Rooms** but they should be used in a sensible way, taking account of numbers, time spent there etc. it's important to make sure that they're as well-ventilated as they can be.

A new, larger **marquee** will be in place until October 18th to accommodate for freshers' week activities and events

The **O'Reilly Theatre** is open for productions in weeks 3, 5, and 7.

The **Music Room** is open and can be booked for one person at a time. There's also a **piano** in Pusey Room which can be booked when the room is not being used for teaching or college meetings.

Both **Lodges** are fully open and the one-way system is still in operation on the main site.

The **College Office** is open Monday-Friday and there will normally be someone there from 8 am to 6 pm. Please wear a face covering if you visit the Office.

Please make any inquiries to the **Bursary** via email (accounts@keble.ox.ac.uk).

There is a printer available in **the Computer Room** and one PC for occasional use.

Ventilation: whenever and wherever possible, windows and doors to public spaces should be opened when in use to ensure the room is well ventilated. You will need warm clothes this term!

Households. This year, at least to begin with, there will be a system of 'shadow households'. That means you're free to mix socially with whoever you like but, if the government introduces a stricter regime, households could be brought back as a way of managing safe social contact. Shadow households are defined by people who share a kitchen (e.g. in ARCO and HBAC) and/or a bathroom (mainly Hayward and De Breyne). If you don't share a kitchen or a bathroom, you are a single person household.

You may invite **guests** into College but ask them to observe the expectations of safe, sensible and considerate behaviour.

Student rooms on the main site only will be **cleaned** twice a term and students are responsible for cleaning their bedrooms using the cleaning products provided by college. Any damages or rooms that have not been cleaned throughout term, will be charged for. Staircases will be sprayed with 'dwelltime' once a week.

College teaching will be in-person where possible and individual tutors will be in touch about their particular arrangements. Departments will contact you about lectures, labs, classes and fieldwork.

We are joined this year by two newly-appointed **Study Skills Tutors**, who will be able to provide both classes and one-to-one advice and support as directed by your tutors.

There are some **new staff in College**, especially on the Welfare Team:

Juliana Pars joins as a Junior Dean.

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Rachel Slater is the new College Nurse. [Welcome Video from the Nurse.](#)

Kirsty Hunter is the new counsellor in College.

Diane Purkiss and Alfonso Bueno Orovio are the new College harassment advisors

India Collins-Davies is the new Access and Outreach Officer.

The **College website** also has info on **Welfare, Finance, and Disability**. See <https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/current-students/>