

A Short History of the College

There has been an educational establishment on the Worcester College site for over 725 years.

It was originally called Gloucester College and was a house of study for young monks from Canterbury, mostly to study divinity and law. The first monk to graduate, as a Bachelor of Divinity, was Dom William de Brock of Gloucester Abbey in 1298.

The ‘cottages’, on the southern part of the quad are 13th century. Each has its own front door, staircase and arms. The arms represent each abbey that sent monks to the College.

In 1298 the connection to Gloucester was severed, but the College did not become ‘Worcester College’ until 29 July 1714 when it received £10,000 and Dr Richard Blechynden became the first Provost.

KEY DATES

1753—1770s: North Terrace of Main Quad was built

1827: The gardens were laid out

1863-1864: The Chapel was redecorated

1900: The playing fields were laid out. We are the only college with playing fields on site!

1937: Nuffield Building was built

1949: The War Memorial Room was built.

1950: The wrought iron railings and gate were installed.

Several other buildings have been erected since 1961, resulting in the ability to accommodate 400+ undergraduates and most of the 200+ post-graduate in College throughout their studies.

The College gardeners work in co-operation with the Oxford University Botanical Gardens and the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew to oversee the massive 26 acres site, which contain several rare plants and trees. We are proud to be considered among the finest gardens in Oxford.

For more information, or a further history of the College, please do speak to a member of either the Library team or the Archive team. The Lodge will be able to point you in their direction.



Welcome to Worcester College Oxford

Important Information

There is no smoking in College bedrooms and meeting rooms at all.

Smoke detectors must not be tampered with. Any problems should be reported immediately to the Lodge Porter

FIRE PROCEDURE

Our fire alarms are tested between 09.00 and 09.40 every Tuesday. Alarm tests involve intermittent bursts of sound of only a few seconds duration.

The fire alarm is a continuous bell. When you hear it you must leave the building **immediately**.

If you hear a continuous fire alarm:

Leave the building immediately by the nearest exit. Do not delay to collect your belongings.

Do not use the lifts.

Move to your assembly point (shown on the map). Await further instructions.

Do not re-enter the building unless told it is safe to do so.

If you discover a fire:

Operate the nearest fire alarm (red "break-glass" boxes on walls).

Call to inform The Duty Porter in the Lodge on **01865 278300** they may already be aware of the alarm and have called the Fire Brigade.

Do not try to fight a fire unless you have been trained.

Leave the building by the nearest exit.

BEHAVIOUR

Courteous behaviour is expected from delegates at all times. PLEASE be mindful of the fact that Fellows and the Provost are in residence and noise will be not be tolerated at night.

Swimming in the lake is not permitted. The lawn and banks in the Main Quad are to be admired and not walked on. All other grass (where sign posted) can be walked on.

If delegates fail to adhere to College requests to maintain discipline and noise levels they will be asked to leave. [cont. on page 3]

HOUSEKEEPING

Check in: 14:00 on the day of arrival

Check out: 10:00 on your day of departure

Your room key will give you access to your room only. Your room will be serviced once a week with a full change of sheets; towels will be changed twice a week.

If you would like any additional pillows, duvets or have any questions about your room either ask your scout who cleans your room or ask at the Lodge.

If you have any accidents or illness please do not feel embarrassed to tell the housekeeping staff who are on hand to help. Please use the sanitary bins provided.

The kitchens are not available for use.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

The College has three laundry areas with self-service washing machines and dryers, which are operated by downloading an app from the internet and setting up a pay pal style account that you use according to the instructions in the laundry itself. If you are unable to download the app we have a laundry card which can be programmed in the same way. Please ask at the Lodge for a card. Clear instructions are available in all laundries.

The cost for a wash cycle is £1.40. One dry cycle is also at a cost of £1.40, and washing powder will need to be purchased from a local store (there is a Co-op just along Walton Street).

Should the iron in the laundry room be in use, an additional iron can be signed out from the Lodge.

NASH CAFÉ

The Nash Café, part of the Nash Building, is open from 10.30am till 2.00pm each week day (Monday—Friday). It is an alternative location if you are looking for a takeaway option for breakfast or lunch. We offer:

Sandwiches, Hot and cold drinks, Snacks, Salads.

We will also sell chocolate bars, muffins and crisps on a cash basis.

General Information

SECURITY

Please note that the Porters' Lodge is manned 24 hours a day. The Duty Porter can be of assistance in the case of any security problems on (01865) 278300.

At certain times during the day, members of the public are allowed access to the College grounds. Although staircases and private rooms are closed to visitors, it is strongly advised that rooms be kept locked at all times and windows properly secured, as the College is unable to accept responsibility for personal property brought on to its premises.

For security reasons we request that all visitors of conference residents are met at the Lodge and are not left unescorted within College grounds. No unauthorised overnight visitors are permitted..

In the event of emergency, please contact the Lodge (extension 78300). If for any reason this is not possible, the emergency services number in the UK is 999.

MAINTENANCE

Should you require services to any feature in your room, please see your Scout or go to the Lodge to explain what you need. A member of the Maintenance Department will respond as soon as possible.

ACCESS CARDS AND LANYARDS

In order to access the College and its accommodation blocks, you have been supplied with an access card which will fit in your lanyard. Your access card is used to access College after the Main Gate has closed at 6.00pm. Please be aware that if you lose your card and or the lanyard a replacement fee of £5.00 will be charged. Please return your lanyard and card at the end of your stay.

MEDICAL CONTACTS

Doctor's Practice

27 Beaumont Street, Oxford | Tel: 01865 311500, Dr Hammersley

The John Radcliffe Hospital

Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU | Tel: 01865 741166

Impoliteness to College staff will not be tolerated. Lodge Porters are employed to maintain order.

- Please do not remove mattresses or furniture from rooms.
- All delegates are to keep rooms allocated to them.
- Please note that your access cards are person specific so that in the event of an emergency we can be assured that everyone is accounted for.

The stuff you actually want to know....

WIFI

If you have signed up for Eduroam you should be able to pick it up easily. If not it's easy to access free Wifi powered by The Cloud.

1. Check your WiFi is on
2. Select The Cloud from the available network list
3. Open browser, hit refresh and follow the on-screen instruction to register or log on
4. For auto connection next time download the Sky FastConnect* app for iOS and Android

* This is an app available for Apple iOS7 or later and compatible Android devices with OS 23 and above.

If you are still unable to connect please speak to the Lodge.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served in Hall between 8.00am and 10.00 am Monday to Sunday.

An alternative location is the Nash Café. More information can be found on page 7. Other meals are as in your conference schedule.

THE COLLEGE BAR

The College Bar is in Pump Quad and will not be open unless by prior arrangements.

Only over 18 year olds may use the bar and staff will ask for ID if they have any concerns; the bar staff have the right to refuse service to any guest and their decision is final. The bar is for Worcester College guests only. Please drink responsibly and take care as you enter and leave by the stairs. The College Bar can only accept cash payments.



① - ②④ Staircase numbers

Besse Building: Bursary
Academic Office
 Life/Level Access

Linbury Building
Linbury Room

Nuffield Lawn

Nuffield
BuildingHythe
Bridge
StreetWolf
Gate

Worcester Street

Kitchen Quad

Pump Quad

1 Worcester Street

Beaumont Street

5, 6 and 7
Beaumont Street

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