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Hulme Common Room

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Brasenose College

Dear Graduate Fresher,

Congratulations on your offer and acceptance! Welcome to Brasenose College (BNC) and to Oxford. As a graduate student at Brasenose, you are now a member of the Hulme Common Room (HCR) which is the graduate community hub. We are delighted to have you amongst our members.

I would like to formally introduce you to the HCR committee. We are a group of fellow graduate students elected to liaise with the Brasenose administration so that HCR members have a voice in social programming for the graduate community and the running of the college. We are also here to advise you on anything tied to college life and point you in the right direction to reach out to college for assistance where needed. In addition, we are responsible for organising and hosting many events throughout the academic year such as formal dinners, parties, theatre and cinema trips, and sporting events.

Student life has been unusual in Brasenose for the last couple of years, primarily due to interruptions related to COVID-19. I'm proud that Brasenose has been able to offer outstanding pastoral care for its students, including provision of meals and accommodation in highly uncertain times, and we're here to do our best to make sure that your student life is safe and enjoyable. As HCR President, I am focussed on maintaining and building up our community spirit and I'm delighted that if we take adequate precautions, we will be able to run our events this coming Term in person.

To get you started on your time in Brasenose, we've put together a lot of information that we found useful into a Freshers Guide. In addition, you can find out more information about the committee and life in Brasenose through the [HCR website](#). If you have any further questions and want to reach out to the committee directly you can either go to the [HCR Freshers Facebook group](#), or email through the contact details [here](#). I would also advise checking out the [Fresher's portal](#), for advice on Next Steps and Key Events.

The start of Michaelmas term this year is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, but we will be running two weeks of Freshers events, affectionately referred to as -1<sup>st</sup> and 0<sup>th</sup> week, starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. There are a few compulsory events, such as medical and welfare inductions, and details will be available on the Fresher's Timetable. While I know we're all tired of hearing about everything through emails, this will be the best way to get in touch with you (and vice-versa) so please keep an eye out on your emails and the Facebook group.

We hope you're excited to join Brasenose and we're all looking forward to meeting you soon!  
Best wishes,

James Ashford (HCR President)