

From The Senior Tutor



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To: All Graduate Freshers,

On behalf of Brasenose, I am delighted to welcome you to the College. Congratulations on gaining a graduate place at Oxford! Membership of the graduate Hulme Common Room (HCR) gives access to an international community of scholars engaged in remarkable projects, providing an opportunity to enrich and enlarge your intellectual horizons. I hope that you will enjoy your time here and make the most of what the College has to offer – both academically and in terms of the diverse range of social and extracurricular activities available.

Tutor for Graduate Students

The Tutor for Graduates is Professor Eamonn Gaffney (tutor.graduates@bnc.ox.ac.uk). Professor Gaffney is available for consultation (in confidence) about any matter, whether academic, personal or financial, and he offers scheduled individual appointments in College at times that will be included in the HCR weekly events email information. However, often your College Advisor, whose academic field will normally be closer to your own, will be the more appropriate first port of call.

College Advisors

The College assigns each graduate student a personal College Advisor. You will be notified of the name of your College Advisor when you arrive. Please do not wait for your advisor to make contact – do write to introduce yourself as soon as possible. While your College Advisor is not intended to replace or supplement the supervision arranged by your Faculty or Department, he or she will take an interest in your academic progress and may be regarded as a useful source of advice about any academic or non-academic matter. In particular, you are encouraged to contact your advisor if you have difficulties with your supervision that cannot be resolved easily by the relevant Director of Graduate studies or encounter any other academic problems (including Faculty or Departmental difficulties, should you have any).

Hulme Common Room (HCR)

The Hulme Common Room, usually abbreviated to “HCR”, describes the College’s graduate community and is also the name given to a dedicated social space available for the exclusive use of graduates. The HCR Committee (elected from among the student body) are putting together a timetable of welcome events to help you to settle in. This timetable, and their helpful guide to life at Brasenose, can be downloaded from <http://freshers.bnc.ox.ac.uk/>. Similarly, the HCR website can be found at <https://brasenosecollegehcr.wixsite.com/brasenosehcr>. The current HCR President is Matthew Buckland (hcr-president@bnc.ox.ac.uk).

Please visit <http://freshers.bnc.ox.ac.uk/> for important information that will help you settle into academic life as a graduate student, and ensure that you complete the necessary tasks set out under ‘PG Next Steps’. If you have any queries during the course of the summer, you are invited get in touch with the College Office (college.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk), who will be very happy to offer assistance.

I very much look forward to meeting you in October.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Simon Smith'.

Dr Simon Smith
Senior Tutor