

Heyy international freshers at Wadham!!

First of all, huge congratulations on getting into Oxford and Wadham! For those who applied straight, you won't regret it; and for those who didn't, no need to worry! Wadham is inclusive, welcoming, fun, and has a large and diverse community and you will absolutely enjoy being a part of it!



I'm Tingxuan (he/him) and I'm your International Students' Officer for 2023-2024! I am a second-year E&M student from Shanghai and I lived my entire life there before Oxford. My duty in this role is to help you all settle and mingle in the country, the university, and the college community, as well as to represent the interests of overseas students within the college and university.

Since I don't have a list of international freshers from the college, it would be nice if you could all reach out to me so that I can create a group chat on Facebook for communication! Therefore, if you are on Facebook, please find me at (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086439937484>), add me as a friend and I'll then add you to the group chat where I will be helping answer any questions you have! If you are not on Facebook, it's also totally fine! You can find me elsewhere at (+44 07469067705 on Whatsapp, 13311751497 on WeChat, or [tingxuan.li@wadham.ox.ac.uk](mailto:tingxuan.li@wadham.ox.ac.uk) for email). Don't hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself! I am more than

excited to meet you all and get to know more about you!

Personally, I'm arriving in Oxford on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. You may have heard that the week before the year actually starts is called the freshers week, designed for freshers to get to know each other and prepare for uni life. If possible, I'd love to gather all international freshers together the week before freshers week (Sep 25<sup>th</sup> to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>) so that we can have our own international freshers week. I will try to design a series of fun events as well as assist you in setting up logistical things such as bank accounts, SIM cards, BRP, etc. Therefore, it'd be great if I could know when are you lot arriving in Oxford so that the schedule can be arranged more easily!

Apart from that, I'll try to set up an international buddy system where you will be paired with an upper-year student who might share the same cultural background or might do the same degree as yours so that you can be better advised in your first year! There is no guarantee as the international population is not huge, but I'll try my best!

I fully understand how difficult and challenging it can be to move to a new country with perhaps an utterly different culture. Therefore, I feel more than responsible for making Wadham's international community a welcoming and embracing place to make everyone feel at home. So, please reach out with any questions, problems, or needs! I can't wait to see y'all soon!

Best,

Tingxuan (he/him)