



WADHAM ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

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Wadham Proud



atmosphere

One of Wadham's best characteristics is its **atmosphere**. There's a great mix of people here from all across the UK and the world. It's a really tight-knit community. <3

activism

As one of the first originally all-male colleges to admit women, and the first college to fly the LGBTQ+ flag, Wadham has a rich history of standing up for what's right, and has always been known for its progressive and welcoming culture.

This tradition carries through to today, with Wadham SU members getting involved in Oxford SU campaigns such as '**It Happens Here**' and '**Class Act**', and attending marches for the **Unite for Education** organisation.

academics

Wadham College consistently performs well in the **Norrington Table**, which ranks Oxford Colleges by exam results, coming 7th in 2023. Our students excel in the supportive and collaborative environment created by tutors, with challenging tutorials (small classes of 2-3 students) that stretch them academically held throughout the term.



location

Dorothy Wadham picked the right spot to build a college! Located a stone's throw from the **Bodleian Library** and **High Street**, we're lucky enough to have sizeable gardens as well! Nearby you'll find several good pubs, and Uni Parks just down the road!



social

There's always something going on at Wadham, with a stream of social events held throughout the year and a welfare calendar full of brunches, yoga classes, and more. With all there is to look forward to, including open mics, plays, musical performances, watercolour and life drawing sessions, bops, and sports days, you'll have trouble deciding what to try first!



WADSTOCK 2023

facilities

Some of Wadham's **on-site facilities** include:

- 24-hour library
- Dining Hall and canteen
- Beautiful gardens :)
- Accommodation for 1st and 3rd years (with 2nd and 4th year a short cycle away)
- Moser Theatre
- Band room
- College chapel
- Holywell Music Room
- Gym and squash courts
- Shared kitchen

drinks...

FUN! FUN!



**BLACKWELL'S
NERO**



QUEEN'S LANE



FANTASTEA

gloucester green!

Gloucester Green is Oxford's international outdoor food market, open Wednesday to Saturday. With an extremely varied and delicious selection of food from all over the world (and at a very reasonable price) this is not one to miss. Plus, there are non-food vendors too!



affordable eats...



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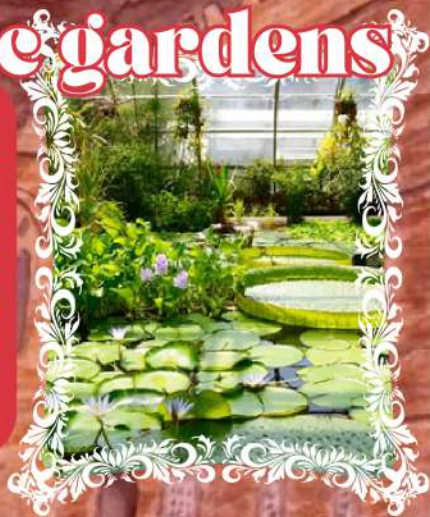
museums!

Oxford is home to many museums which are highly worth a look around. The **Ashmolean** has beautiful works of art from throughout history, the **History of Science** museum is home to many interesting machines, and the **Natural History** museum has some live cockroaches...



botanic gardens

Free for any student at Oxford university, the Botanic Gardens are open year-round. These gardens are home to over **5000 different plant species**, housed outside and in greenhouses, and they are the perfect place for a mid-essay stroll.



walks...



CHRIST CHURCH MEADOW



PORT MEADOW



IFFLEY MEADOWS



FUN! FUN!

bops

BOPs are fancy dress parties held in Wadham organised by the 'Entz-Officers'. Think school disco with alcohol! With one BOP every two weeks, be ready to spend every other Saturday making a costume. At the end of the night, prepare to get on someone's shoulders (being 'Mandela'd') whilst the closing song 'Free Nelson Mandela' plays!



MAND

queerfest & wadstock

During the year, Wadham hosts two festivals. **Queerfest** takes place in first term, and is an opportunity to celebrate all things LGBTQ+, with colourful outfits, bright lights, and iconic acts. **Wadstock** is Wadham's summer festival, with 12 hours of live performance across three stages, showcasing some of the best talent Oxford has to offer!



LIVE MUSIC



W'STOCK



QUEERFEST

UN! FUN! UN! FUN!



pubs...

Just outside Wadham is **The King's Arms** (AKA the perfect place to people watch). Catch up with friends over a pint with the added bonus of being seconds away from your room!



Turf Tavern is the pub everyone brings visitors to when they want to impress. Head down a small alleyway on Hollywell Street and you'll encounter a charming pub which has a board of all the famous people who've ever had a drink there. Will you be the next addition?

...clubs

Plush is Oxford's LGBTQ+ club, and the best place to go on a *Tuesday* after attending pre-drinks organised the LGBTQ+ Society. Probably the cheapest drinks of any Oxford club, and the only place you can show off your pole dancing skills...

On Thursdays we go **Bridge!** Get ready to enter what many have rightly described as an overcrowded double decker bus with the lights turned low, with the best smoking area in Oxford, and an illusive silent disco in adjacent *Spirit Bar*.

Atik is home to 'Parkend' Wednesdays and Oxford's Sports night out. With the light-up 'cheese-floor', no doubt you'll end up queuing for a McDonalds on the walk back to college.

Wadham SU



SU MEETING

Wadham is the only college with a combined Junior Common Room (undergraduate union) and Middle Common Room (postgraduate union) (MCR). The result is the Wadham SU.

the su committee

There are dozens of roles on the SU committee, suited to the varied needs of the student body at Wadham. For example, the 'Entz' (**Entertainment Officers**) plan bops, Queerfest, and Wadstock. The **Tortoise Officer** is another fiercely contested position, with the role who of training *Archibald Manchella* for the annual tortoise race at Corpus Christi College. The size of the committee means no stone is left unturned, keeping us entertained, represented, and informed!

The SU meets every 2 weeks to discuss motions submitted by students. Committee can take students' issues to the governing body of college, ensuring that students have a say in what goes on. Need we mention the free pizza at every meeting...

the president

Hi everyone! I'm Seun (she/her), President of Wadham SU for 2023/24. I'm a History student from Birmingham, and I love to knit, sing, and bake! I am the key representative for all members of the SU to the governing body, so I am a point of contact for any concerns or problems you might have in Wadham or ideas you want the SU to move forward with. - Seun, Wadham SU President



PREZ !!

Meet the Students



2ND YEAR PSYCH

Hi, my name is Anjali (she/her), and I study Experimental Psychology! My favourite thing about Wadham is definitely the people and the atmosphere. Everyone is so welcoming, kind, interesting and accepting. It is so so easy to find your people here and it often feels like one big family. You don't have to feel nervous to embrace your true self or go out of your comfort zone here! Wadham is truly the best.

-Anjali, Wadham SU Freshers Pres



I'm Eleanor (she/her), a PPE student at Wadham! One thing I love about this college is the extensive charity we do. Fundraising is something I've always been involved in at secondary school, and being the SU's **Charities Officer** helps me to give back to different organisations, not just in Oxford, but worldwide. I've organised a few successful charity events throughout the year, such as bake sales and the Trinity Charities Election, where the SU votes on different charities to receive donations.

-Eleanor, Wadham SU Charities Officer



2ND YEAR PPE

music at wadham

Whether you're musically gifted or not, there's plenty of opportunities to get involved at Wadham. As well as the College Choir (see the page over), there is also a more laid-back 'No Sheets' music group, who don't audition and sing whatever they like!




CHOIR PRACTICE

Students are encouraged to make use of the on-site music facilities too. Bands born of Wadham include **Garfunkle** and **Last Orders**, both having performed at Wadham's festivals!



DRAMA, MUSIC, DRAMA, MUSIC,

Wadham Drama Society is one of the most active college drama societies in the University. Budding thespians can jump straight into drama cuppers in their first term, a college-against-college competition where you can write and perform in your own play.



For a while now there have been free life-drawing sessions. I've ran some new events like watercolour painting and jewellery making, too. Next term I want to organise some collaging, poetry writing, and clothes upcycling! Anyone can turn up to my arts events for a relaxed hour or two of creativity!

-Emilia, Wadham SU Arts Officer

RAPUNZEL :)

arts at wadham

spotlight: the college choir

The Wadham Chapel Choir are a mixed choir made up of undergrads and postgrads, who sing evensong every Sunday in the college chapel. We meet for rehearsal on Friday and Sunday evenings and sing a variety of sacred music, as well as participating in other college events throughout the year. The choir has a really friendly atmosphere, with lots of different social events, pub trips, and a very lively group chat! Everyone is welcome to come and listen to evensong as well as audition to sing with us at the beginning of the year. -Eva, Choir member



EVENSONG

AND THE ARTS



Rapunzel the Pantomime was a 80s themed musical take on the classic fairy tale, with. It was a huge success (oh yes it was), selling out to a massive crowd of 170 people! It was the first show in the Moser Theatre since Covid and so provided ample opportunity for Wadhamites to get involved in making the space as it is now, with many people making their first steps into Oxford Drama, or even their first steps into Drama EVER!

-Ella, Wadham Drama Society President




spotlight: the xmas panto

STUDENT T



**1ST YEAR
ENGLISH**

Arthur is a first year studying **English Language and Literature**. With relatively few compulsory contact hours, English students are left to structure their own time. Alongside his studies, Arthur does theatre, and he is a member of the Wadham University Challenge Team.

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|  | <p>10am: Modern Caribbean Literature lecture</p> <p>11pm: pick up books for essay</p> | <p>10am: Modernist Poetry lecture</p> <p>11am: Approaches to Medieval Literature lecture</p> | <p>8:15am: Qi gong</p> <p>9am: War Poetry lecture</p> | <p>11am: Medieval Language class</p> | <p>8:15am: Qi gong</p> <p>9am: Race in Medieval Literature lecture</p> <p>11am: Virginia Woolf lecture</p> | <p>Have a lie in, browse books in Blackwells, and stock up on food from Tesco</p> | <p>11am: welfare brunch hosted by college welfare reps</p> |
|  | <p>12pm: write essay for Colonial Fiction tutorial</p> | <p>1pm: Post-modernism lecture</p> <p>2pm: Introduction to Language and Literature lecture</p> | <p>12pm: Gender and Language lecture</p> <p>13pm: study session in library</p> <p>4:15pm: Colonial Fiction tutorial</p> | <p>1pm: write commentary for Medieval tutorial</p> | <p>2pm: Medieval tutorial</p> <p>3:30pm: coffee with friend</p> | <p>Non-work related reading in the Wadham gardens</p> | <p>Start essay for Colonial Fiction tutorial</p> |
|  | <p>7pm: University Challenge quiz team practice</p> | <p>5:30pm: drama rehearsal for play</p> | | <p>7pm: LGBT book club</p> | | <p>8pm: BOP!</p> | <p>6pm: choral evensong, followed by chapel dinner</p> |

METABLES

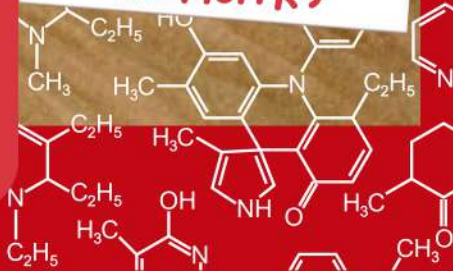


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| | 9am: Chemistry lectures until 11am | 9am: Chemistry lectures until 11am | 8:15am: Qi gong 9am: Chemistry lectures until 11am | 9am: Chemistry lectures until 11am | 8:15am: Qi gong 9am: Chemistry lectures until 11am | 11am: ballroom practice | 11am: welfare brunch hosted by college welfare reps |
| | Lab work until 5pm | Lab work until 5pm | 1pm: college lunch 3pm: maths class | 2pm: Chemistry tutorial 5pm: post-tutorial coffee in a cafe! | 4:30pm: chapel choir practice | | 4:30pm: chapel choir practice for evensong |
| | 7pm: hall dinner | 9pm: ballroom practice | Finish up any work for tutorial the next day | Relax in the evening | | 8pm: BOP! | 6pm: choral evensong, followed by chapel dinner |

Theo is a first year studying **Chemistry**. Although students might worry about the academic expectations of Oxford when they first arrive, Theo felt reassured by the support of his tutors. Students weren't expected to know things before you arrived, and were instead recognised by their ability to take on new information. Additionally, academic work ramped up gradually as the year progressed, for example, lab reports were scaffolded to walk students through the process of writing them. In his spare time, Theo also does ballroom dance!



1ST YEAR CHEMSITRY



SPORTS

rowing

AKA the most socially acceptable way to wear lycra. Rowing is a big sport at Wadham, but most people have never rowed before coming here! **Torpids** and **Summer Eights** are the two annual 'bumps' races at Oxford, where the aim of the race is to catch up with the boat in front of you and gently 'bump' them out of the race, whilst the **Christ Church Regatta** functions as a more standard rowing competition for novices. Wadham College Boat Club organises annual Boat Club Dinners and regular socials, creating a great community.



WWW

Wadham is the only undergraduate college with a Women's Weightlifting Club, open to women and non-binary people. The group encourages people who may not have felt confident in the gym to give it a go and have fun, with competitions open to those who feel like it! It is super lively and well-attended!



The Wadham College gym has rowing machines, weights, and other training devices right here on the main site. For more extensive gymming needs, all Oxford students can acquire subsidised membership at the flagship **Iffely Uni Gym**! This large gym also has a swimming pool. We also have squash courts on the main site, and host regular welfare Zumba classes, which are guaranteed to break a sweat!






facilities

timetable of a rower...

Gina is a third year studying **Spanish and Portuguese** (with Portuguese from scratch!). She is currently on her year abroad in Brazil, but was the captain of the Wadham Boat Club's Women's Teams last year, whilst living in the *Dorothy Wadham Building*. Here is what her schedule used to look like...



**3RD YEAR
MODERN LANG**

| | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
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|  | 11am: Portuguese lecture | 6am: rowing | 10am: Portuguese class 11am: coffee with class mates | 6am: rowing | 10am: Portuguese lecture | 6am Rowing 9am: do a bit of work | 11am: welfare brunch hosted by college welfare reps |
|  | 12pm: Portuguese prose class 1pm: college lunch | 12pm: Portuguese lecture 1pm: clunch! 3pm: Portuguese tutorial 4pm: library | 1pm: college lunch 3pm: Portuguese speaking class | 1pm: clunch! 3pm: Spanish tutorial 7pm: rowing training | 12pm: Spanish translation class 1pm: clunch! 2pm: Spanish oral class 3pm: Spanish prose class | 2pm: rest during the afternoon to prepare for... | 2pm: rowing on the isis |
|  | 7pm: dinner with flatmates | 7pm: rowing training | 7pm: rowing training 9pm: rowing crewdate followed by club! | 7pm: rowing training 9pm: rowing crewdate followed by club! | | 8pm: BOP! | 5pm: rowing training |

Meet the Tutors!



SHAZIA CHOUDHRY

I teach **Criminal Law**, one of the subjects taught in the first year of the Law degree. It's a fascinating subject, which enables students to really think through the philosophical underpinnings of the law and their relevance to the scope and range of criminal law. It's a huge privilege therefore to introduce our students to such a rich and thought-provoking area of the law and to facilitate their appreciation and understanding of the conceptual foundations of it.



I teach **Politics**, specifically the question of how political institutions function in existing countries around the world, for students in all three years of the PPE and HPOL courses. Politics is often unpleasant, even repulsive - it's common to wish to escape from it somehow. But because politics is also unavoidable, it's hugely inspiring to teach people who are determined to engage with it and come to a critical understanding of how it functions conceptually and practically.



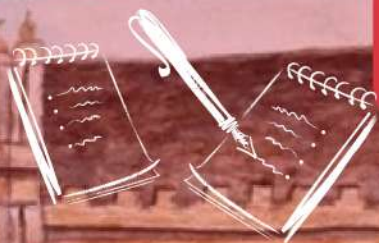
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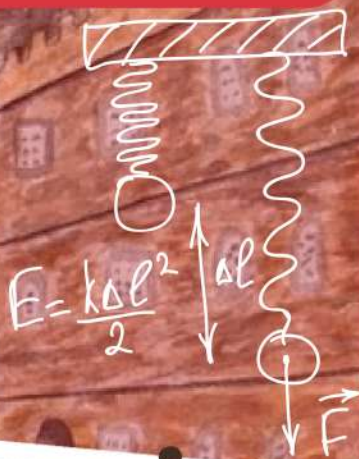


**GEORGE
SOUTHCOMBE**

I teach **History**, and in particular sixteenth- and seventeenth-century History. From cases of demonic possession to the English Revolution, I enjoy introducing students to the past in all its strangeness. I have always seen my role as an undergraduate tutor as fundamental to my own development as a historian. Indeed, all the historical arguments I have made in print have been aired first in tutorials (and my students have generously made them better).



I teach **Mathematical Methods** to our first year **Physics** students. This diverse course is very important as it underpins the rest of the physics degree. My goal is for everyone to gain an intuition for the material. My favourite part to teach is vectors and matrices (often referred to as linear algebra). This can feel rather abstract at first, but as soon as we start mapping back and forth between the formal definitions and more familiar physical problems, everything starts to make sense and the beauty of the subject becomes clear.



**HANNAH
CHRISTENSON**



EXPENSES



sfe

The logo for 'sfe' is displayed on a computer monitor. The letters 'sfe' are in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. A blue swoosh underline is positioned below the 'e'. The monitor has a black bezel and a white base.

Government maintenance and tuition fee loans are available for UK students. Oxford bursaries and scholarships are automatically available to those with household incomes below a threshold. College also offers accommodation grants, and emergency funding if you find yourself struggling due to unforeseen circumstances.

Wadham students spend little or nothing on **travel** as Oxford is very compact. You may wish to invest in a bike when you get here, second hand ones on Facebook are great!



**OXO BAR
COCKTAILS**

The vast amount of student **organised events** at Oxford are free, including Wadham BOPS. Many societies offer free film screenings or reduced price cocktail nights!

All students who live on the main site are automatically booked in for **dinner** Monday-Friday, but you can sign out of this if you wish and claim back the money. College **lunch** and **breakfast** is pay as you go.



WELFARE

Support with welfare at Wadham is available from a dedicated **welfare team**, including the welfare advisor Tamina and chaplain Jane. They are always ready to lend an empathetic ear, whatever your beliefs are. Jane's dog Maggie Mae will likely be with her too!

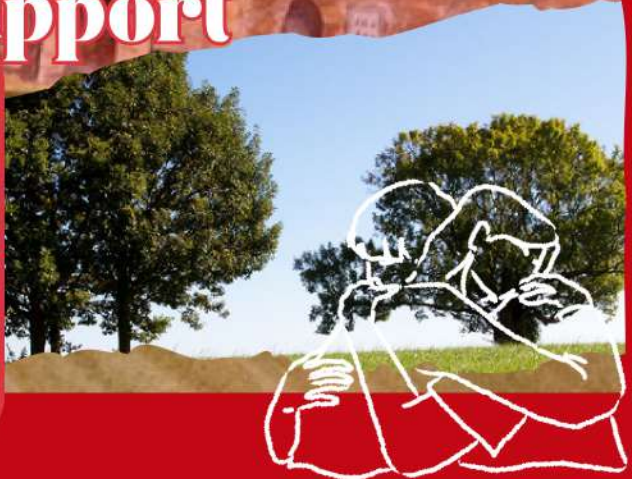


SU WELFARE

Wadham SU's elected **welfare officers** organise welfare events in college throughout the year, normally involving free food! They can also give you contact details for college staff and university services if need be.

further support

If you need additional support beyond this, Wadham's welfare team can point you to the various services provided by the University of Oxfore. These include professional counselling which all students can apply to receive.





ACCOMM

All **first** (and most **third**) years live on main site, where everyone pays the same price regardless of what room they are assigned. There's a mixture of old and modern rooms, and whilst most people share a bathroom with 2-4 people, there are enough ensuite rooms that Wadham can guarantee ensuite rooms to those who have reasonable (e.g. medical), requirements.



**OLD
ACCOM**



MODERN ACCOM



STUDENT ROOM

All of the modern rooms and some of the older rooms have direct access to small communal **kitchens**, but everyone in college can use the shared JCR kitchen in the new undergraduate centre.

Those on four-year degrees can take up a room in Merifield during their **third** or **fourth** year. Located in Summertown, a 10-minute cycle from college, people living here share a nice kitchen in flats of roughly 5, and a bathroom between 2-4 people.



ODATION

Second years are offered ensuite accommodation at Dorothy Wadham Building (DWB) on Iffley Road, which is roughly an 8-minute cycle from main site! The modern accommodation is arranged in flats where large kitchens are shared between a maximum of 7 people.



DWB



MERIFIELD



for students, by students



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