



Congratulations on your offer to study at the University of Oxford!

Many of you will be in the late stages of planning your arrival to Oxford. “We”, the members of the Oxford University German Society, thought that we should reach out to introduce you to the society.

The Oxford University German Society is the hub for all Germans and all people interested in Germany in Oxford. We are one of the oldest and largest national societies in Oxford. Not only do we represent the German student body in Oxford, we also hold a number of diverse events for our members. These include talks by German Politicians such as Olaf Scholz, and from well-known celebrities such as the comedian Carolin Kebekus. In a normal year we would also host social events like our Stammtisch (pub meeting) and the famous Oxtoberfest, but unfortunately these have been postponed for this term. Instead we are trialing new events such as a Schnitzeljagd (a type of treasure hunt) and Wandertag (small hike) so you can remain safe and social without doing yet another video-call! Stay updated on our next events via our [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram account](#).

With all these events we want to foster new friendships, show possible career paths, and celebrate some of our most valuable traditions. The German Society is a great place to find friendships that last long beyond your degree, but also to experience “a bit of Germany” in Oxford. Yet, what matters the most to us is to be a point of contact for help and advice. Oxford is incredible and exciting, and you will undoubtedly have an unforgettable time here. However, the first weeks can get a bit hectic and overwhelming - we want to prepare you for this in advance. We have compiled a Freshers’ Guide that contains the most important information. Check it out on our website under the heading “[Freshers](#)”.

In addition, we are organising a buddy-programme this year to connect you with current students who live near you. This will help you to get answers to the most pressing questions: What do I pack? What are Battels, the JCR/MCR, Trashings and Sub fusc? Simply enter your contact information [here](#).

When your time here finally starts at the beginning of October, you can find us at the virtual Freshers’ Fair. The best way to keep up with our events schedule is through [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), where information about our Termcard will be published shortly!

Until then, enjoy the remainder of your break and feel free to contact us at contact@oxford-germansoc.co.uk, or on social media any time. We look forward to meeting you in October!

With kind regards,

Tor Walberg and Alaa Baazaoui, Presidents of the Oxford University German Society 2020-2021