



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

Even though your arrival is still a couple of months away, we as the members of the Oxford University German Society wanted to reach out to you and introduce you to our 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, but we also hold a number of diverse events for our members. These include talks by German Politicians such as Christian Lindner or Aminata Touré, and from well-known celebrities such as the comedian Carolin Kebekus. We are also hoping to come back to our normal social events like Kaffee und Kuchen and the famous Oxtoberfest, and definitely try our best to organise those events as best as we can according to whatever restrictions are in place. But do not worry, we also have a couple of outdoor events planned such as a “Schnitzeljagd” (a type of treasure hunt), so that 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 [family-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](#). If you would further like to connect with your fellow yearmates, we have also set up a WhatsApp group, which you can enter through [this link](#).

When your time here finally starts at the beginning of October, make sure to find us at the Freshers' Fair. The best way to keep up with our events schedule is through [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), where information about our Termcard (i.e. a central document with all of our events of the term) will be published shortly before you will be coming to Oxford!

Until then, enjoy the remainder of your summer 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,

Julia Klapperich and David Danin, Presidents of the Oxford University German Society 2021-2022