CHRIST CHURCH
otherwise known as
THE HOUSE
thanks to our Latin name of
ÆDES CHRISTI
which means ‘HOUSE OF CHRIST’
although our full name is actually
‘THE DEAN, CHAPTER
AND STUDENTS OF THE
CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
CHRIST in OXFORD
of the foundation of
KING HENRY VIII’
MAKING MAGIC SINCE 1546
Eating in our famous dining hall every day (the inspiration for Hogwarts Hall in the ‘Harry Potter’ films) never gets boring - and why would it, with excellent food at amazing prices? Breakfast and lunch (brunch at weekends) are a pay-as-you-go buffet using your Bod Card – you can buy breakfast with a library card here! Breakfast choice ranges from a full-English to a bowl of coco-pops, while the lunch menu features several main meals and three course dining served twice every night and paid for on a termly basis (less than £3 a day)!

The first sitting at 6.20 is ‘informal hall’ and is usually quicker and busier. ‘ Formal hall’ is an hour later, everyone wears their gown, Latin grace is read, and service is a bit slower (but you do get extra helpings)! It’s nice to be able to sit down with your friends to catch up on everyone’s day. Twice each term we have a ‘guest dinner’ where you get to dress up, bring a guest and eat fancy food prepared by the Head Chef at an affordable price. Hall also caters for many special diets including vegetarian, vegan and halal.

By December, the menu is full of Christmas fare. Imagine seeing friend’s faces as they sit down to a full-English breakfast (think: poached eggs and sausages) or a barmy bowl of coco-pops while the Main Hall is decked in twinkling Christmas lights.

ACCOMMODATION

Christ Church guarantees accommodation for the whole of your degree, so you never have the hassle of finding a house (not the case for every college)! Even better, every college is exactly the same size with similar, clean and well-looked-after rooms. And if you don’t get an en-suite, you’ll have your own sink and fridge in your room.

Nestled away behind the older buildings in most colleges is the obligatory modern block, and Blue Boar is ours. All the rooms are spacious, have en-suite bathrooms, some with beds, a desk, wardrobe and shelves and some with a mini fridge, gas rings, kettle, microwave, and you can bring a kettle. Only freshers live here, so it’s lots of fun and really easy to meet people.

We know it’s only your first term, but try to get to know as many people as possible. It’s really hard to keep up with everyone when you’re a first-year. In halls, you’ll have a student rep, and in other colleges you’ll have a welfare officer. They’re there to help you – and we’re here to help them! Don’t be afraid to ask any questions.

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3. Student life at Oxford, just like any university, can get stressful. You’re living alone for probably the first time, you have lots of work, and you’re still finding your feet. It’s fun, but sometimes it can get tough as well. Christ Church is full of support staff and students, including our wonderful Chaplain and Peer Mentors. They’re always there for those who might be struggling, be it with a quick chat and cup of tea or more regular professional help. Every Sunday there’s a ‘Welfare Tea’ with free food and a chance for a chat, and each term every student gets a free cake!

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