Virtual Quad

Weekly events, tips, and reflections
Week 2 - Hilary 2021
Enacting Intimacy

Ita O’Brien, the world’s leading intimacy co-ordinator and founder of Intimacy On Set, whose credits include Normal People, Sex Education, It’s A Sin and I May Destroy You, in conversation about the ethics, aesthetics and politics of portraying sex on stage and screen. Image credit: Nic Dawkes.

Ita O'Brien

Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium Admission Free | All Welcome
Sign up www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/mansfield-college-public-talks
A Message from the Mansfield Players

Get down to the Auditorium at 7 on Wednesday the 26th for Mansfield Players’ first theatre screening of the term! We will be showing the National Theatre’s production of Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night.

Shipwrecks? Romance? Snacks? What’s not to enjoy? As the National Theatre summarises it: “Where music is the food of love, and nobody is quite what they seem, anything proves possible.” See you there!
Latest Additions to Mansfield Library

- **Revolutions And Revolutionary Movements** by James DeFronzo
- **The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again** by Robert D. Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett
- **Relativity Made Relatively Easy. Volume 2 General Relativity and Cosmology** by Andrew M. Steane
- **Social Progress in Britain** by Anthony F. Heath
A little survey, a big result!

The Bodleian Libraries is inviting all members of the University of Oxford and all Bodleian cardholders to share their feedback about the Libraries by completing a short online Reader Survey.

The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete but it provides vital information that feeds into decision making and helps improve our library services.

The survey is open from 17 January – 19 February, and is for all readers who have used the online collections, services, or the physical libraries across Oxford. As a thank you taking part, participants can choose to enter the prize draw for a chance to win one of ten £50 Amazon or Blackwell’s vouchers. Also, the College with the highest proportion of responses from students will win a visit from a group of alpacas!

Follow the link below for more information and to complete the survey: https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/about/libraries/performance/reader-survey
MCR Wine and Cheese

Wine and Cheese event is back this term on Thursday evenings for the first several weeks! Events will begin at **7:30 pm in MCR**. Come and join us!

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Harris Manchester College

Holocaust Memorial Day Service

Wednesday 26 January 2022
5.45 pm in the Chapel
All welcome

Readings and music from members of the HMC community
Address given by John Dunston, Director of Music
Nominations for the Oxford SU Leadership Elections close this Friday at 23:59!
If you’ve got a vision for Oxford SU, now’s the time to make it happen.
If you’re elected as one of our six full-time Sabbatical Officers, you’ll represent our entire student membership, and have an enormous influence over the direction of your SU.
You’ve only got FIVE DAYS LEFT to nominate yourself (or someone else!) for a leadership position at Oxford SU, so don’t delay.
Visit https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/elections/ to learn more, and to cast your nomination!
A reminded that all members of the Mansfield JCR and MCR playing sport at University level or higher are eligible to claim an annual set amount to cover expenses relating to this sport.

The amounts are as follows:
- £150 per annum for Mansfield members who have achieved Blue status
- £100 per annum for Mansfield members who have achieved Half-Blue status
- £75 per annum for Mansfield members who are representing the University in any sport, regardless of its Blues status

You may be able to apply for additional funding, up to a maximum of £100 per annum (depending on circumstances). If you would like to claim this financial support please submit this application form: https://forms.office.com/r/nVFxncpYhV

The deadline to apply for this funding is Monday of 4th Week HILARY TERM (7th February) and amounts will then be credited in 6th Week battels unless other arrangements are agreed individually. If you have already submitted an application this academic year, you do not need to do so again.
Mansfield Music Society Regular Notices

Mansfield Sunday Recitals in Hilary Term

At the start of every **Even Week of this term (23rd Jan, 6th Feb, 20th Feb, etc.)** there will be a Sunday afternoon recital at 4pm in Mansfield Chapel showcasing a few of our great musicians, which is free to attend and open to all (we ask that people take an LFD test before attending and wear a mask unless exempt.) There will also be some extended performance recitals at the start of Odd Weeks, so keep an eye on Virtual Quad and the Music Society mailout (if you are not on the mailing list, sign up here: https://mansfieldcollegemusic.wixsite.com/oxford/join_us)

Recitals will be followed by free refreshments and a chance to socialise with musicians. We still need lots more volunteers for our recitals this term – if you’d be interested in performing a piece, in any style/genre of music, at any level/standard, on any instrument or using your voice, by yourself or in a group, then please fill in this form: https://tinyurl.com/hilaryrecitals

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Perform in a Chapel Service!

Mansfield’s Chapel Services are held by our Chaplain every Wednesday at 6:15pm, and the Choir sing hymns and one piece of choral music. But there is also an opening for instrumentalists to play a piece in our services this term. You don’t have to be religious; any musicians are welcome to come and play a short, reflective piece of music of your choice. It is good performance practice with a fairly small congregation/audience, and as a bonus, you can join the Choir for free formal dinner (and drinks) afterwards. If you are interested in playing in a service or would like more information, get in touch with Tom our Director of Music at tomhammonddavies@gmail.com

Chapel Choir are seeking Tenors and Basses

Mansfield Chapel Choir is a friendly, non-auditioned choir, who rehearse every Monday at 7:30pm, and every Wednesday at 5:15pm, followed by singing in the Chapel Service and then enjoying FREE drinks and FREE formal dinner together. Our choir are currently in need of more tenors and basses, so if you or anyone you know can sing low parts and might be interested in joining choir, feel free to contact Flora, Music Society President, at flora.walker@mansfield.ox.ac.uk or Tom, Choir Director, at tomhammonddavies@gmail.com or simply turn up on Monday!
COVID Regulations

**Student Dining**
Routine student dining will remain the same as Michaelmas Term with no pre-booking required. We will continue to maintain reduced numbers in Chapel so please try and make the best use of full meal times available. You will need to continue signing up against your printed name on the undergrad, postgrad or VSP sheet at each meal you attend. Meal charging arrangements remain the same throughout Hilary term and for the 2021/22 Academic Year. This is as discussed by the Finance and Resources Committee with their decision ratified by Governing Body.

**Formal Halls**
Formal Halls will be held most Wednesdays and Fridays up to the allocated student spaces available. Pre-booking is required and the new Front of House Manager, Ionela Rosca, will send out a booking email to all students in advance. The first email will be sent either tomorrow or Thursday for week 1, Wednesday and Friday Formals.

**Crypt**
The Crypt cafeteria will be open throughout the day until 8 p.m. The College Bar will re-open from next week on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays until 11 p.m. throughout term.

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Events
Large internal events are not encouraged during the first half of term so please try and keep to smaller event numbers for a few weeks. Organisers of smaller events may also wish to require evidence of a recent negative LFD for their event attendees.

To arrange a public room booking or a student event
Firstly get in touch with lynne.quiggin@mansfield.ox.ac.uk to check room availability and that your planned event doesn’t clash with any other activity taking place in the College calendar. I’ll advise you whether specific permission is required from the Dean. Once room availability is confirmed and relevant permissions sought, a student event-form should be completed (this has been circulated by email). The student event form will need signing by either the Kitchen Manager or Front of House Manager where food is being consumed and the Bar Manager before any alcohol provision can be agreed. The completed event form is then returned to me in the Domestic Bursar’s office so that your event can be booked and appropriate staffing requirements arranged. Please allow as much notification as possible to arrange a social event, preferably 14 days minimum. All bookings should be kept within the reduced capacities displayed for each meeting room. Please remember to let plenty of fresh air into any facilities you are using in College to reduce the risk of covid-19 transmission.

We are keen to return to normal operations, room capacities and event arrangements as soon as possible and will keep you posted if there are any changes. If you have any questions, please send them to lynne.quiggin@mansfield.ox.ac.uk.
You can pick up **free LFD kits from the porters’ lodge** and other University LFD Collect points. Alongside other measures, such as face coverings, regular testing with LFDs is a very effective way of reducing the spread of the virus (a positive LFD indicates infection in more than 99.5% of cases). Please be aware that if you’ve had COVID-19 less than 90 days ago, you can still get re-infected so you should therefore take an LFD test if you experience any possible COVID symptoms.

To make life easier, pick two days each week to do your testing and set yourself a reminder, so it becomes part of your routine. It’s also really important to remember to report your results. We know that a lot of people are testing, which is great, but not always reporting. The University relies on the **reporting of positive results** to provide effective infection control and the **reporting of negative results** to demonstrate to the government (who provide our tests) that they are being used. Also, coming soon, look out for a chance to win prizes each week when you report in the SU free prize draw.

You should get a quick link when you pick up your tests to make reporting easy to the University on a mobile, but you can also use the links below:

**Report an LFD result to the University’s Early Alert Service:**
[https://earlyalert.medsci.ox.ac.uk/earlyalert/booking/selfreportlfdr esult](https://earlyalert.medsci.ox.ac.uk/earlyalert/booking/selfreportlfdr esult)

**Report an LFD to the NHS:**
Poetry Workshops

Drop-in poetry workshops every Thursday between 2pm to 6pm in MB1 and Saturday between 4pm and 6 pm in MB1, available to all members of the college.

Mansfield's writer in residence Kate Clanchy is also available for 1-to-1 poetry sessions between these times. To make an appointment, email Kate on k.s.clanchy@reading.ac.uk

Kate Clanchy
Shut up & Focus!

Got a difficult task to focus on?  
Can’t get started?  
Can’t stay focused?

In “Shut up and Focus!”, we get together and make a commitment as a group to focus, studiously, with purpose and without distractions. We are in it together. It’s a limited time with company, coffee, tea and cake. It’s for everyone in college – JCR, MCR, staff.

Old Hall, 10am to 12.30 pm, every Wednesday, weeks 1-8

How it works:

- **Beforehand:** Choose a task to bring to focus on.
- **Get coffee/tea/cake.**
- **Focus!**
- **Have some free coffee/tea/cake and congratulate yourself.**
Academic Skills 1-1 Mentoring

One-to-one study skills support for any undergraduate student of any subject. Please contact your subject mentor by email to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

- Gail Leckie (Philosophy)  
  gail.leckie@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
- Yashua Bhatti (Theology)  
  yashua.bhatti@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
- Rachel O'Nunain (English)  
  rachel.onunain@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
- James Harris (Maths, Physics, Engineering, Materials)  
  james.harris@chch.ox.ac.uk
- Henry Tann (History)  
  henry.tann@balliol.ox.ac.uk

If your subject is not mentioned, please contact Gail Leckie, as Tutor for Academic Support, who can signpost you to a source of support for your subject.
Would you like to have the skills and confidence to offer a helping hand to other students in your department? Contribute and engage with your student community? Promote and create welfare and wellbeing spaces in College?

Training as a Peer Supporter is a great way to develop personal and social skills that will be useful in all your relationships as well as making a positive contribution to the welfare support in your department. The Peer Support Programme offers experiential training focusing on active listening, assertive communication, diversity awareness and support skills, self-awareness and self-care.

Please feel free to email The Peer Support Programme with any questions you may have at peersupport@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Find more information at https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/peersupport
Who the Careers Service supports

The Careers Service supports all 12,510 undergraduate students, 13,044 graduate students at Oxford.

The Careers Service's dedicated support extends to more than 5,800 research and research support staff.

Oxford alumni can engage with the Careers Service for LIFE through access to 1:1 sessions with careers advisers, jobs board, careers fairs, workshops, and more.

Each college, department and faculty has a careers adviser dedicated to them.

Student societies can engage with the Service by advertising opportunities, attending a careers fair, co-host events, and more.
Peer Support

Drop-in sessions will run every Thursday. Alternatively, contact us via Facebook Messenger or email to arrange a time to chat.

Peer supporters are here to talk about anything that is concerning you. Peer supporters have over 30 hours of training with the University Counselling Service in order to listen effectively, maintain confidentiality, and respect boundaries.

Mahati
mahati.garimella@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Efa
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Mitch
mitch.marshall@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Lumi
lumi.westerlund@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Kate
katerina.panesova@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Anabel
anabel.riley@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Peer Support outside of Mansfield:

Feel free to contact one of the Teddy Hall JCR peer supporters

Katie (katie.long@seh.ox.ac.uk)

Greg (greg.halliwell@seh.ox.ac.uk)
Meet the Junior Dean Team

Main Site
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Yashua Bhatti – Welfare Junior Dean
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Ablethorpe/Rhodes Wolfson
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Juan Alvarez Velasquez – Residential Junior Dean
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Equality Allies

(Acting) Tutor for Women
Elizabeth Drummond can be approached by students with concerns or issues they feel would best be communicated to a woman tutor.
elizabeth.drummond@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

LGBTQ+ Tutor
Ros Ballaster may be contacted by email and can meet by phone or by Microsoft Teams
ros.ballaster@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Tutor for Racial Inclusion
Helen Mountfield co-organises the termly forum for Amplifying Voices of Students of Colour and can be contacted by email on principal@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Tutor for Disabilities
Andrew Higgins deals with disability related welfare issues.
andrew.higgins@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
Academic Support Tutor: 
**Gail Leckie**

offers one to one study skills support for any undergraduate of any subject, to discuss any concerns you have about your academic work broadly construed.

Email: gail.leckie@mansfield.ox.ac.uk for an appointment.

Royal Literary Fund Fellow: 
**Jon Stock**

provides academic writing support for all students, undergraduate or postgraduate. One to one sessions are for 50 minutes and take place online.

To book a slot, email jon.stock@rlfeducation.org.uk.
Where can I get support?

Medical Professionals
if you need immediate medical attention CALL 999

University Support
University Counselling Service Email
counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk for an appointment.

NHS 111
If you have an urgent medical problem and you’re not sure what to do, dial 111 and they can put you in touch with an out-of-hours GP or mental health nurse.

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Tutor for Welfare:

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