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Dear Fresher,

I am delighted to welcome you to Keble College MCR.

The term MCR (Middle Common Room) refers to two things. First and foremost, the MCR is the name given to the postgraduate student body at Keble, of which you are all now members. With around 250 graduate students, studying a very wide range of subjects, we are one of the largest MCRs within Oxford, and are well known to be one of the most social and inclusive. Alongside the MCR in Keble exist the JCR (Junior Common Room) for undergraduate students, and the SCR (Senior Common Room) for fellows of the college.

The MCR is also a physical place within college, consisting of a reading room, kitchen, games room and cellar. The MCR is always open for MCR members to work, relax or socialise and is also used for regularly-organised social events. I hope you will enjoy making full use of these facilities.

As an MCR we offer a wide range of social, cultural, welfare and sporting activities to get involved in. We have a schedule of events during Freshers' week for you to get a taste of these as well as to help you settle in and get to know other members of the MCR. Keep an eye on the calendar at: <http://mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk/calendar.html> to get an idea for what events are planned. Additionally, many clubs are offered at college and university level which are open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students: more details about these will be provided at the college and university Freshers' fair respectively.

The freshers' handbook is included with your registration material, and available at: <http://mcr.keble.ox.ac.uk/freshers>. The guide provides (hopefully!) everything you need to know about Keble MCR, the college itself, and more general information about moving to Oxford. We've also included information about who are MCR Committee Members are and what they do, feel free to email us with any questions you have. In advance of coming to Oxford, if you are a Facebook user, please also join the MCR Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KebleMCR/>) for an easy way of keeping up with MCR events and announcements. Finally, I would strongly recommend signing up to the Welcome Dinner in Freshers' week: this event is a real highlight of the Freshers' week calendar but sign-up is required, details of which are included in your registration materials.

The MCR has become a very special part of my life during my time in Oxford, and I have made many lifelong friends and memories. I hope that it becomes a similarly integral and treasured part of your experience at Keble and Oxford.

Looking forward to meeting you all,

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