



Hi guys! We're Rhiannon and Steph, your JCR "Entz" officers. That means we organise lots of fun stuff for you guys to do, in Freshers' Week and for the rest of term. In Freshers' Week, we'll be selling tickets for the club nights, running the Freshers' bop and plenty of other stuff, so look out for us around college and in the bar, or email us if you want to ask us anything.

Freshers' Week can be pretty frantic, so we thought we'd give you some details now.

Firstly, don't worry if you don't drink/don't like clubbing. There are plenty of other things that you can do in Oxford, and there'll be non-drinking events in Balliol throughout Freshers' Week.

Secondly, "bops". They sound really lame, but are actually really fun – they're basically a huge college fancy dress party. The first one will be on Saturday, and the theme is "Under The Sea", which means there's loads of cool, easy stuff for you to do: any kind of fish; mermaids/men; sunken ships and treasure (Titanic etc.); deep-sea divers; seaweed, rocks, corals. Have fun with it, and don't worry if you don't have any ideas/costumes – there'll be bop shopping and bop-costume making during the week with plenty of people on hand to help with suggestions!

Thirdly, other stuff in Freshers' Week is themed too – there'll be a Hawaiian party (obvious enough); a traffic light party (wear red if you're in a relationship, green if you're single and orange if your status is unsure/you don't want to proclaim yourself); and a foam party (you'll get wet, so don't wear a silk dress!) – again, don't worry if you don't have stuff, it will be easy to beg/borrow/shop for stuff when you get here. We'll be selling tickets for tickets for the club nights every night in the bar, or you can sign up for them when you arrive, and we'll be taking you to the clubs so you don't have to worry about drunkenly finding your way around.

Fourthly, Freshers' Fairs. There's a Balliol one, and a university one, and both are *full* of groups, societies and opportunities – it's a great idea to make the most of these. (You'll probably sign up for all kinds of random stuff but you can remove your name from mail-lists later in term!)

Finally, don't worry about Freshers' Week –there's something for everyone, and there will be plenty of people around to give you advice. Feel free to email, facebook or text us –

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or come and talk to us when you get to college.

Enjoy the rest of Summer, and we look forward to seeing you at Balliol soon!

Love,

Rhiannon and Steph xxx