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Admissions Interviews December 2018 General Procedures at St Anne's College

When to arrive and travel

- We **strongly advise** you to arrive the night before where the timetable indicates a morning start. Accommodation is automatically reserved for you from the night before.
- All interviewees are required to stay in College and we can only accommodate candidates. Please
 note that the accommodation check-in time over the admissions weekends (Sat 1 & Sun 2
 December; Sat 8 and Sun 9 December) is after 2pm.
- You will find information about travel to Oxford at: http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/about/find-us.
- Board and lodging will be provided at the College **free of charge** for the period you are required, including the night before. Extended stays are not possible.

On arrival

- Collect your room keys and our written information about domestic arrangements from the Porters' Lodge on Woodstock Road.
- There is no parking available on the College site. You should be dropped off at the Lodge if you are being driven to Oxford.
- Student Helpers (current undergraduates) will be highly visible and they will ensure you settle in and enjoy the student facilities on offer.

Catering

• If you have any dietary requirements or need special arrangements, please ensure you mention these in the survey. We are unable to provide Kosher or Halal food during this time so please choose the vegetarian option. There is no need to request vegetarian food as it is always available.

Internet access during your stay

 Wifi access is available and you will receive instructions for logging onto our guest wifi network on arrival.

The Danson Room

- In addition to your study bedroom, there will be a comfortable central waiting area called the Danson Room.
- The Interview Co-ordinator in charge will direct you to your interviews from the Danson Room.
- Interview timetables and times for subject meetings (if relevant) will be posted on a nearby notice board.
- You must consult the noticeboard at frequent intervals during the day, as interviews in other colleges may be arranged at short notice.
- In subjects which attract a large number of applicants (e.g. English and History), it is sometimes necessary to start interviewing slightly earlier than suggested by the Oxford Admissions Office.
- There will inevitably be long gaps between interviews; please bring some reading and schoolwork to utilize the time.

Our Student Helpers

- Our undergraduate Student Helpers will be on hand to help you throughout your stay, and they will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about College and Oxford life.
- They will take you to the interviews both within St Anne's and at other Colleges.
- They will also be organising a number of social and recreational events in the evenings.

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Key points for certain subjects

- Certain courses require candidates to stay until late in the afternoon, making return travel more difficult. While every effort is made to release candidates early, you may have to wait until the end of the stated period, and travel arrangements should be made accordingly. Please know that you will be able to stay in College overnight if it is inconvenient to travel.
- Candidates for courses including Modern Languages must stay until at least 10.00 am on Saturday, and, if required to attend interviews at other colleges, you may not be free until mid-afternoon on Saturday.

Photographs

• If you are applying for courses including **English**, **Chemistry**, **Modern Languages**, **Law**, **or Material Sciences** please bring a passport-sized photo of yourself (**two** for Law.) Print your name on the back and hand it in at the registration desk in the Danson Room. (Tutors use these merely as an aide-memoire during later discussions.)

Decisions

- A decision about your application will be sent to you by 1st class post or Airmail on Wednesday 9
 January 2019 in order for you to receive them on Wednesday 10 January. We will email decisions to international applicants on Wednesday 10 January.
- I particularly ask you and your school not to telephone or email the College with enquiries about decisions. We do not give out decisions other than by letter, and dealing with calls results in a delay in letting everybody know of our decisions. You will not hear from other colleges where you had interviews, unless they offer you a place.

What to do next

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you are unable to attend during the times given (see timetable at http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/interviews/interview-timetable) it is imperative that you contact the College as soon as possible. Similarly, should you require any additional information, do not hesitate to contact the St Anne's Admissions office by email at admissions@st-annes.ox.ac.uk. Before you make such an enquiry, please re-read all our correspondence – the information you seek is likely already available.

And finally ...

May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and pleasant journey to and from Oxford. I trust your stay in St Anne's will be interesting and informative.

My colleagues and I realise that this could be a somewhat stressful time for you, and wish to assure you that while interviews will be challenging, they are not confrontational. Please read the Interview Guidance on the University website at http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/interviews. We hope that you enjoy meeting with and talking to current students who have been through the whole process.

If there is anything that my colleagues or I can do to ease your concerns during the interview period, we will be happy to assist.

With good wishes

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