Hello! I’m Miranda and I’m the current JCR (Junior Common Room) disabilities rep at Hertford. I’m an English student, and also President of the Oxford Students’ Disability Community (OSDC), the official disabled students’ campaign here at Oxford.

Whether you have a physical, sensory or cognitive impairment, a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, a mental health condition, chronic illness, or anything else which may affect your interview process, studies, or social life at Oxford, we want you to apply! It doesn’t matter how great or small an impact your condition has on your life: we are committed to making reasonable adjustments to enable you to enjoy your time at Hertford and the university.

If you have an access need which will impact upon the way your interview will need to be conducted (such as needing a BSL interpreter or to be able to clearly lip-read for a hearing impairment), or will require changes to your accommodation (such as requiring a hypoallergenic room) please let the College know so that we can take every step possible to meet your particular needs. Adjustments can also be made to teaching and, as well as to a variety of other aspects of university life. Our Admissions Officer can provide further details (undergraduate.admissions@hertford.ox.ac.uk, graduate.admissions@hertford.ox.ac.uk).

Hertford College is a historic site, and has a bit of a way to go when it comes to step-free access for those with impaired mobility. Despite this, if you decide to choose Hertford as your college then we will do as much as we can to make College spaces accessible. Improving our accessibility is a continuing priority. In the meantime, why not have a look at our accessibility information, and visit us on one of our open days to see if Hertford will suit your needs?

The Disability Advisory Service is able to advise, and the Disabled Students’ Allowance is able to help you with additional costs and/or equipment needs that you may have whilst studying, as well as providing services such as Oxford’s mentoring system. As for social life and activism, OSDC regularly hosts accessible socials, and campaigns to make sure that societies and clubs are doing the same through tools such as our Disability 101 Workshop. OSDC is a university-wide community, that you can sign up to, if interested, during the Freshers’ Fair, or by emailing oxforddisability@ousu.ox.ac.uk. Once you arrive in College, you can talk to me, our peer supporters and welfare reps.