



Information from the College Welfare Coordinator

Student health and welfare

If you have a long term health condition or disability or specific learning difficulty there may be help available to you if you disclose this to the college and/or disability advisory service. You will not be disadvantaged and the disclosure will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

It is then possible to begin the process of providing special arrangements, should these be needed, before you arrive to begin your studies.

The Equality Act (2010) uses the following definition of disability:

“The Act defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term (i.e. has lasted or is likely to last for at least twelve months) adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The link to the University Disability Advisory Service which provides more detailed information is:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/shw/das/eligibility/>

The Academic Office will also provide information and advice and can be reached by telephone: 01865 279423 or please send an email to the Academic Administrator academic.office@hertford.ox.ac.uk.

If you have been diagnosed with anxiety, depression, an eating disorder or other mental issue please disclose this if you feel able as we can then put early support in place; again this information is treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Allergies

If you have a food allergy to nuts or other foods please email the Welfare Coordinator before you arrive: yo.davies@hertford.ox.ac.uk

Meningitis ACWY vaccination

Please prospective students who are aged 17 to 19 years old or those of you who are under 25 years old and attending university for the first time ask their home GPs for the vaccination against Meningitis A,W,C,Y. This is a free vaccination which offers protection against several strains of meningitis. It should be given at least 2 weeks before you start university. There has been an increase in the W strain amongst young people. Having the vaccination before coming to university will offer some protection. For more information about meningitis please check the following website: www.meningitisnow.org.