

Introduction

Welcome to St Edmund Hall and the Department of Chemistry. This document provides some useful information concerning the First Year chemistry course. More detailed information is provided on the main chemistry website:

<http://www.chem.ox.ac.uk>

For specific details of undergraduate teaching, use the following link:

<http://teaching.chem.ox.ac.uk>

On Friday of 0th Week (the week you arrive) there is a Chemistry Induction Day. There is a talk which begins at 14.30 in the Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory Lecture Theatre, and a tour of the Department – please ensure you know the time of your tour and attend.

The main method that your tutors (and the College and Department) will use to contact you is email. You should therefore make sure that you have access to your Oxford email account (firstname.secondname@seh.ox.ac.uk) and you should check your email **at least once** per day during full term.

Lectures

Every weekday morning (i.e., Monday through Friday), you will have two lectures starting at 9.00 and 10.00, and lasting around 50–55 minutes each. These will be in the lecture theatres within the Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory (ICL), Physical and Theoretical Chemistry Laboratory (PTCL) or the Dyson Perrins building (DP). Make sure you know how to get to these places ahead of the lectures:

<https://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/getting-here>

The full lecture timetable and lecture synopses are available on the web:

<https://web.chem.ox.ac.uk/timetableweek.asp?Year=1>

Practicals

Practicals take place in the Chemistry Teaching Laboratory (CTL), which is behind the Department of Pharmacology, on Mansfield Road:

<https://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/getting-here>

St Edmund Hall are in the group of colleges that have their labs on Mondays and Tuesdays. Lab sessions start at 11:00 and finish when you have completed the experiment (usually around 17.00–18.00). Labs sessions are scheduled for 6 out of the 8 weeks each term.

Lab coats (etc) can be picked up on Thursday of 0th week between 09:30–12:00 or between 15:30–17:00, or at any time on Friday of 0th week. There will be a welcome talk at the CTL on Monday of 1st week at 11:00, before your first lab session starts.

Information for St Edmund Hall Chemistry Freshers

You can follow the status of your practicals throughout the year on the mypracticals website:

<https://mypracticals.chem.ox.ac.uk>

Tutorials (Inorganic, Physical, Organic Chemistry)

You will have three tutorials in each of the three main branches of chemistry (Inorganic, Physical, Organic) during the term. This will occur once a week in rotation (O-P-I) after an initial physical chemistry tutorial in week 1. You will be given the tutorial work well in advance of the deadline for completion of the work, which is normally by 9.00 am the day before the tutorial; each tutor (anna.regoutz@chem.ox.ac.uk for IC; david.manolopoulos@chem.ox.ac.uk for PC; paul.roberts@chem.ox.ac.uk for OC) will be in contact with you about the work for their tutorials.

Maths and Physics Classes

You have classes in both maths and physics throughout the first year to support the delivery of these parts of the course. These are both centrally-organised. Classes in maths occur weekly, and those in physics twice per term. Your mathematics tutor is robert.penfold@chem.ox.ac.uk. Your **maths classes** will be at 11:00 on Wednesdays of weeks 2–8 inclusive.

Beginning of Term Meeting

The name and contact details of your physics tutor will be given to you at a beginning of term meeting with us on the afternoon of Thursday of 0th week, at which you will be able to ask us about anything else in this mass of information that confuses you!