

What's it like to study at Oxford and St Anne's as an LGBTQ+ student?

St Anne's College is known for its inclusive and welcoming atmosphere, supporting students from all backgrounds. Oxford has a vibrant LGBTQ+ community, and St Anne's students benefit from both college-based support and university-wide networks. The Oxford University LGBTQ+ Society runs events throughout the year, and each college (including St Anne's) has an LGBTQ+ representative on the student body who can provide support and advice. The University's Equality and Diversity Unit and the central LGBTQ+ Advisory Group also offer support to the community.

This FAQ provides a wider overview of LGBTQ+ life in Oxford for prospective students. It covers community, safety, events, and welfare, so you can get a realistic picture of what to expect.

1. What is daily LGBTQ+ life like as a student?

- The Oxford University LGBTQ+ Society is one of the largest student societies, running weekly drinks, discussion groups, cultural events, and welfare sessions.
- o The community is diverse, with students of all identities and backgrounds.
- o Many colleges, including St Anne's, have LGBTQ+ representatives who run events and act as a point of contact.
- o Oxford Pride takes place annually and students are actively involved.

2. Is it safe to be openly LGBTQ+ at Oxford?

- Yes, Oxford is generally very safe and supportive.
- o Many students are openly LGBTQ+ and active in college and university life.
- o The University has clear anti-discrimination policies and support systems.
- o Incidents are rare, but when they occur, they are taken seriously and support is available through college and university channels.

3. How do prospective students get in touch with the LGBTQ+ community?

- The best first contact is the Oxford University LGBTQ+ Society: president@oulgbtq.org
- Each college has an LGBTQ+ student representative (sometimes called the LGBTQ+ rep), including at St Anne's.
- The University Equality and Diversity Unit also provides resources and advice.

4. Are there resources for LGBTQ+ students during exams and welfare needs?

- Yes.
- o College welfare teams and peer supporters are available throughout the year. At St Anne's, the Diversity Point of Contact for LGBTQ+ students is Prof. Simon Park: simon.park@st-annes.ox.ac.uk

- o The LGBTQ+ Society runs welfare teas and confidential drop-ins.
- o University counselling services are LGBTQ+ inclusive and supportive.