



From the Principal Bursar

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Ms Poppy Damon

Sent by email: Poppy Damon request-586815-48e51087@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Ms Damon,

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request to the College, which was received by the Freedom of Information Officer on 4 July 2019.

For clarity here is your original message:

I'm looking for information regarding the bereavement services which are available in your university or college. Please could you answer the following:

Do you offer special provisions for counselling services for students specific to bereavement? Y/N

Do you offer any support or counselling services for students? Y/N

Do you have an institution wide policy/guidance regarding caring for students following a bereavement? Y/N

Do your policies or practices exclusively relate to support for students who have lost parents or does your support factor in other forms of bereavement, such as losing a sibling?

Can you tell me what special provision you have for offering extensions and academic breaks in study after a bereavement?

How much money did you allocate to counselling and support services for bereavement per year (Jan 2016-Jan 2019)?

If you feel you would like to offer an opinion, would you say your institution feels you are offered enough from the Government in order to support students who have experienced bereavement while studying?

The College counsellor and welfare team offer support to students on a range of academic, personal and social matters, including bereavement. In addition, students have access to the University Counselling Service, which is designed specifically to meet the emotional and practical needs of students at Oxford.

All welfare matters, including bereavement, are considered on an individual basis in line with the College's welfare provisions and the Student Handbook. Arrangements can be made for a period away from study if that was in the student's best interests. On the academic side, the College would work

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with the University of Oxford as appropriate, for example if there was a case for mitigation of affected exams.

For further details about the College's welfare provisions please refer to the website:

<https://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/current-students/health-and-welfare/>

and see the Student Handbook: <https://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/current-students/administration/>.

There is no specific budget allocated to counselling and support services. Instead, the College can draw upon funds for grief counselling if and when required.

If you wish to request a review of this response, you should write to me at the above address in the first instance. The entire set of correspondence will be passed for review to another person in the College. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, you have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal Bursar