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Happy new year to all our friends and supporters. We hope 2023 has got off to a brilliant start for everyone. We are pleased to report that a number of China Oxford Scholars managed to meet up for a festive pre-Christmas dinner in Oxford. 2022 Scholars Joey Ho Tsz Ying and Shu Wei organised the merry gathering at the Pierre Victoire restaurant on Little Clarendon Street.

“ The scholars that were around in Oxford gathered together for a festive celebration on 11th December. Apart from enjoying the French delicacies, we experienced the festive tradition of pulling the Christmas crackers, shared our Oxford winter survival guides and mapped the good food around the city! It was great to know that everyone has been settling into the hectic graduate student life quite well and has adapted to their living at Oxford, except for the bitterly cold winter temperature. We sincerely thank the COSF committee for granting the allowance to make organising this lovely catch-up possible. We are looking forward to meeting each other again when Hilary Term starts! “ said Joey.

Big thanks to Joey and Shu for organising this event and we look forward to hearing about more gatherings during the Hilary Term.

Hertford College November Dinner

An intimate Michaelmas gathering took place at Hertford College where the China Oxford Scholarship Fund held its annual welcome reception and formal dinner for its new cohort of 2022 China Oxford Scholars. The Chairman of the Oxford Awards Panel, Professor Michael Wooldridge, kindly hosted the event again this year. It was wonderful to also welcome the supervisors of some of our Scholars. We were delighted that Dr Loren Landau (Department of International Development), Professor Daniel Freeman (Department of Psychology) and Dr Aitor Rovira (Department of Psychology) were on hand for the merry gathering. Also a bonus was the presence of former Scholars who travelled from London to participate. It was wonderful to see Scholar alumni Shijian Li, James Guowei Tao and Steven Lingyu Liu join in with Steven giving a brief speech about the COSF Alumni Association. COSF Company Secretary and Treasurer Iain Goddard and his wife Pam were also present to welcome the Scholars into the COSF family. As always we are grateful to Hertford College for its support of COSF by providing a wonderful venue for the event and a memorable banqueting experience for all who attended.





My Oxford Experience

2021 China Oxford Scholar Gabriel Ng



Gabriel Ng (Far right) organised a Christmas gathering at the Jericho Tavern with the 2021 Scholars

As a COSF Scholar and Year Convenor, I would love to send my greetings and report to you my Oxford experience. Personally, I found Oxford magical. No doubt it was daunting to interact with all the top-quality academics and to tackle the shockingly long reading lists, the groups of medieval university buildings and architectural gems somehow gave me some “external forces” to keep me going. Perhaps, the Hogwarts Infirmary (Divinity School), Library (Duke Humfrey’s Library), and Dining Hall (Hall inside Christ Church) all contributed to that. It was truly a blessing to get to study in Oxford in person. The student life in Oxford had largely returned to normal despite the pandemic, and we had face to face teaching and regular social events. The subjects that I had selected for my discipline were far more challenging and stimulating than those I did before, which required lots of hard work and long hours. It was a sheer joy to listen to and learn from my classmates and teachers, and this had greatly deepened my understanding and knowledge of law. The academic year was indeed humbling and memorable. Once again, I am indebted to you all for the support and encouragement. As the 2021 Scholar Convenor, I have organised two social events throughout the year. The first took place at the start of Michaelmas. I invited all the COSF scholars for a dinner gathering at the Jericho Tavern. Around 10 scholars attended. We introduced ourselves to one another, and created a WeChat group for support and companionship. I hereby attach the photo that we had taken on that night. It was a great learning experience to be with like minded individuals, and our discussions spanned almost all the disciplines. The second event was held right at the end of Michaelmas. This time, we met at Sichuan Grand. Around 12 scholars attended. By then we were more familiar with one another. It was a great catch-up before Christmas. I just wish to add that we are extremely grateful for the scholarships. We treasure a lot these networking activities, as well as the friendship we have made throughout the year.