



the OXFORD UNION

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Dear Member

In a further response to the recent outbreak of Covid-19, the Union has taken the decision to close the entire building with effect from 5pm, Thursday 19 March. This updates our previous email notifying you of restricted opening arrangements.

Until 5pm Thursday 19 March therefore, the General Office remains open, and the arrangements for the Library are shown below. However, the Goodman Library, Gladstone, Macmillan, Morris, Snooker and TV Rooms remain closed.

As previously stated, we are monitoring the Government's advice, and will inform members nearer the time of our opening arrangements for next term, and keep them updated with any changes.

In the meantime, we do ask all members to take all precautions to protect both themselves and others by observing the Government's recommendations and not entering the building if they feel at all unwell.

We wish all our members stay well and safe during this challenging and unprecedented time.

Thank you

GENERAL OFFICE PROVISION

The Union's General Office will be open 9:30-17:00, closing completely 17:00 Thursday 19 March.

Please email enquiries@oxford-union.org with any queries (or phone 01865 241353 until closure)

LIBRARY PROVISION

From 17:00 Thursday 19 March, the Oxford Union Library will be completely closed. However, until that time members will still be able to report to Library Reception to borrow or return books according to the following arrangements:

- The Library Reception will be open 09:30-17:00, until 17:00 Thursday 19 March.
- Members will be able to request books to borrow from library staff.
- All books borrowed during this period will be due for renewal or return on Tuesday 28 April.
- If you are in self-isolation, please do not return any books until after your isolation period has ended. Any fines accrued during this period will be waived. Equally do not attend the Library to obtain further books, etc.
- Any queries can be sent to library@oxford-union.org (or call 01865 241353 until closure).
- We will inform members nearer the time of our opening arrangements for next term, and keep them informed of any changes

As the situation in the UK changes daily, we are unable to give a definitive answer as to when the library will be fully operational again, but provisionally this will be in time for the start of Trinity Term. The library will be open as per the hours advertised above subject to staff availability.

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