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WELCOME TO LINCOLN!

mauris nunc I'm Catrina (she/her), a 2nd year law student and your JCR president for ac the 2024-2025 academic year. I'm half-Irish, half-Danish, but lived in ^{the mauris}. Northern California for 16 years, so moving to Oxford was a completely new experience, however Lincoln has quickly become home for me!

Huge congratulations on making it to Oxford! It's no small feat, and has taken lots of dedication and effort which you should all be proud of yourselves for! I hope you've had a relaxing vacation and are looking forward to starting at Lincoln and Oxford this October! It is completely normal to be feeling a bit anxious or nervous while still being excited about this new start. I hope the information in this document and getting in touch with your college families over the next few weeks help you feel a little more knowledgable about what life is like at Lincoln and gets you excited about all the opportunities here! Lincoln is known for its small, tight-knit community, and it truly lives up to its reputation!

As JCR president, I chair the executive and officers committees and represent the JCR at meetings with the rest of college- I have regular meetings with the bursar, domestic operations manager, senior dean, and MCR president. I'm the point of contact between the JCR (our undergraduate body) and the wider college administration, so I'm here to represent you and your views!

I hope you're all looking forward to starting your degrees and getting stuck into a subject you're passionate about, but I remember worrying whether I'd have time to get involved in activities outside of my degree. Although the workload can be daunting at first, you quickly learn how to strucutre your time and, in my case, how you actually read a reading list, and your work becomes very manageable! I've gotten involved in Lincoln's women's football team and am co-captain this year as well as being

involved in Scandinavian Society at a uni-wide level and helping to put on a Model UN conference with others from the university. Joining societies and clubs are a great way to meet new people and take a break from the studying you'll be doing.

If you ever need to speak to anyone, there is a wide net of welfare support available for you throughout college, including our lovely welfare reps Izabela and Victor, your college family, or myself. Feel free to reach out to us if you ever need anyone to speak to!

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to me, and I'll be sure to find the right person to ask, if I don't know the answer. Lincoln has truly been an incredibly welcoming community for me and I hope that it is the same to you as you all settle into university.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon!





ENTZ LETTER

Hey everyone, my name's Emanuel, and I have the privilege of being Lincoln College's JCR Chair of the Entertainment Committee. I know what you're thinking — bit of a mouthful, right? The term that you'll gradually get familiar with is Entz, which I think is a a lot easier!

This year, myself and my committee: Alasdair, Ellie, Luca, Zara and Em, will be dedicated to providing you will all the entertainment you could possibly desire! Freshers' Week may be seem a bit daunting, but don't worry, we will be with you the whole way to help you settle in and find lots of fun things to do!

Before I get into anything, I want to congratulate you on meeting your offer to study at Lincoln! I remember getting my offer and being so incredibly excited to just get over to Lincoln and experience everything there is to offer (which is a lot)! Hopefully some of the material in this guide will be helpful for you to feel a little at ease before you arrive!

There will be a lot of things going on in a very short amount of time, so buckle up and get ready! There are only 8 weeks in a term, so things can often seem a bit intense. However, my ambition for Entz is to provide you all with a nice safe space where you can relax, take a break, and have some fun! I don't want to reveal too much, but be prepared for some BOPs (big parties in our college bar), karaoke, beer pong and movie nights!

Another key goal of mine is to make all Entz events accessible for everyone – you don't have to drink to have fun! We strive for every event to be open to everyone and for everyone to feel welcome! In fact, our motto is 'Frentz' – we really want Entz to be a friendly and fun environment!

The team and I can't wait to meet you! If you have any questions during Freshers' Week or the rest of the year, feel free to ask anyone in the team. You can contact myself or my team via email (<u>emanuel.radici@lincoln.ox.ac.uk</u>).

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll see you all very soon!

Meet your Entz Team!



Em!

My favourite thing about Lincoln is how friendly everyone is!

Fav thing about Lincoln - Grove quad; the perfect place to chat and to procrastinate all the work you know you should be doing!

Alasdair!





Zara!

Hi, I'm Zara, and I study English. My fav thing about Lincoln is the beautiful library, which single-handedly saved my prelims. But also the cheese board at Great Hall. Hi, I'm Luca, and I'm one of the few doing AMH (Ancient and Modern History) - my favourite thing about Lincoln is either the central location or (of course) how friendly everyone is.

Luca!





I'm Ellie and I do history! The thing I like most about Lincoln - Definitely its central location! You're never more than 10 minutes away from most coffee shops, libraries, pubs and nightclubs.

Ellie!

I'm Emanuel, your Entz chair for the year, and I do law! I'd say my favourite thing about Lincoln is Black Tie Events because they're fun ways to socialise and great to show off some style!





OXFORD SLANG

Entz

Bop

JCR

The JCR's Entertainment Team - they organise BOPS and all kinds of fun events throughout the year, from Freshers' Week to Groove Quad in the summer!

A BIG ORGANISED PARTY (usually in Deepers), with a snazzy theme - from 'When I was Three I Wanted to Be' to 'Rhyme Without Reason' - usually attended by the entire JCR, and taking place at least three times a term.

Collective name for both the body of undergrads and our physical common room found in Chapel Quad.

The uniform you wear for Matriculation, exams and graduation

Crew Date Two groups of people (often sports teams) go out for a meal, sconce each other, play drinking games, possibly go out after etc...

Basically a truth, e.g. "I sconce anyone who's JCR Pres" -> Catrina would have to drink - BUT we promise it is usually a lot funnier (and more revealing) than that!

Hall Informal

Sconce

Sub Fusc

Formal

Abbreviation for the dining hall in college.

Normal dinner served at 6pm every evening (except on Saturdays).

Three-course meal offered in hall every evening (arrive a little early to ensure you can sit with your friends!). Normal clothes are fine but wear your gown on top!

Great Hall	
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Deepers

Battels

Essentially an ELEVATED formal hall every second Thursday evening - A lot of fun and even includes a cheese board to finish!

An abbreviation of our college bar 'Deep Hall' - run by the legendary Simon.

The bills you pay to college at the start of every term for accommodation, food, etc.

Collections College-assessed mock exams in 0th week of every term.

Tutes

Abbreviation for tutorials.

Prelims

First year exams that take place at the end of Trinity term

Mods

First year exams for law and classics students at the end of Hilary Term

Rusticate

To suspend studies and return a year later

Porters

Pidges

The amazing staff who man the lodge! Be sure to say hi when you see them!

Pigeon-holes in the lodge where your post is delivered.

Scouts

Lincolnites

Lincoln 'til I die

The Imp

Quads

Rector

Matriculation

Husts

Rowing

Cleaners who keep college (and your room) looking lovely.

The people who study at Lincoln (i.e. YOU!).

Our college song - and an absolute tune you will come to love/sing unironically

Both the college mascot (look out for it as you enter Deepers) and the name of our student-run satirical publication

The grassy squares enclosed by buildings that make up the college site!

Head of the college! Ours is Mr. Nigel Clifford. Note that The head of a college may have a different title at another college!

The ceremony at the start of your first term that officially initiates you into the university.

If someone wants to run for a JCR position, they will give a hust which includes a short presentation, answering some questions and often completing fun challenges set by their predecessors.

Be prepared for a lot of rowing Jargon at Oxford key terms include 'Torpids' and 'Summer 8s', both intercollegiate rowing competitions which the vast majority of us don't understand, yet enjoy nevertheless.

Deaned

Cuppers

Vac

Vac Res

Bod Card

Michaelmas

To be disciplined by the Dean due to misbehaviour.

Any intercollegiate competition in sports, drama etc.

Abbreviation of 'vacation' - the break between terms

Abbreviation of 'vacation residence' - permission to remain in your accommodation after the 8 week term has finished.

Your university student card - VERY important!

First term, from October to December

Second term, from January to March

Trinity

Hilary

Third term, from April to June

Welfare Tea

Friendly snacks and chats with the Welfare Reps and other members of the JCR on a Sunday afternoon -excellent way to socialise and take a break!



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The JCR is both the physical common room that anyone is welcome to hang out in ,along with the name given to the undergraduate student body.

The common room is at the bottom of staircase 5, on the right as you go into Chapel Quad. It has a small kitchen with a microwave, air fryer, toaster and fridge. Recently, the common room purchased a Nintendo Wii Console, so challenging others to Mario Kart has never been easier!

Lincoln also has the MCR (Middle Common Room) for graduate students (those who've done one degree and are back for more) and the SCR (Senior Common Room) for the tutors and college fellows. Each Oxford college has its own JCR all with slightly different quirks and ways of running.

Who runs the JCR?

Within the Lincoln JCR, we have a large committee made of an Executive Team, six different Officers and many other functional roles. The JCR is all about improving the student experience and represents the student body on wider affairs.

Welfare Reps!

Hi everyone! My name is Izabela and I am one of the JCR Welfare Officers for this year :) I am a second year studying History and French and I'm from Poland but I've lived in London for a few years now. As one of the JCR Welfare Officers, my role is to be a friendly face around college that can provide you with any welfare support you need. I'll be here to help you with any issues, worries or problems, no matter how big or small! Over the course of the year, Victor and I will organise a wide range of welfare events



that you can participate in whether it be weekly welfare teas, creative events like flower-arranging, welfare walks and more! If you ever feel like you need support, you can always reach out to me or Victor, or both of us, whatever you feel most comfortable with. We really want to make sure that you feel comfortable here at Lincoln and that you always know that you are never alone with your struggles as we will always be here to help you and support you through them :)

I can't wait to meet you all in October! All the love, Izabela xxx







Hi there!

My name is Victor and I'm a second year Chemist at the amazing Lincoln College. I'm a big fan of reading, going for walks around beautiful Oxford and paying the college bar (Deepers) a regular visit. I make up half of the Welfare Officer Team alongside Izabela.

Our job is to make sure our Lincoln peers' mental health and well-being is kept in check by organising fun events, offering an ear to listen to any anxieties/concerns anyone may have and being overall friendly faces about college!

Looking forward to seeing everybody around again :)

Victor

Arts Rep



Hi, I'm Rosie Howroyd a secondyear Art Historian from Wiltshire and your Arts Rep for this year! I will be there to provide for all your artistic-related wants and needs, may this be Bob Ross painting sessions or supplying the JCR with art supplies. As Arts Rep I am also involved with the annual Turl Arts Street Festival in February. This is a student-run

and funded festival that provides a platform for student creativity often involving painting, design workshops, and live music from both student bands and college choirs. It's an amazing way to socialize with our neighbouring colleges and also a great way to get involved with the Oxford arts scene whether you are new to it or not.

As someone familiar with a wide variety of art mediums, I am always free for any questions you may have such as art supply recommendations or how to get ink stains out of your carpet. I can also provide other suggestions such as what painting to stare at in the Ashmolean, music recommendations to soothe your soul, and movies to treat yourself with. I also intend to keep you up to date with all the arts-related ongoings within Oxford including exhibitions, plays, and seminars. This will also include things specific to Lincoln such as our annual musical in Michaelmas and brand new for this year a Lincoln College Textiles Society! (@lincoln_crochet on Instagram) I also will be working closely with the Entz and Welfare Reps to ensure a healthy dose of arts is supplied in term cards.

CRED Rep

I'm Mariyah, I study history and I am this year's CRED rep (Cultural, Religious and Ethnic Diversity rep).

I'm here to help anyone and everyone feel welcomed and included in college and to plan events which embrace diversity in Lincoln!

Lincoln holds formals for different religious celebrations and also has a multi-faith prayer room for those who wish to use it

I hope that this year we can have more socials and events out in Grove Quad (when the sun comes out) to celebrate culture and diversity in college!





Ethics and Environment Rep

Our JCR Environment and Ethics Officer, Isabelle Gregory (email: isabelle.gregory@lincoln.ox.ac.uk), will be working closely with the JCR, MCR and staff in order to make positive changes at Lincoln, and is more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

Get involved at Lincoln!

*Join our Green Impact Team: meets at least twice a term to discuss sustainability issues in College and make student-led change, working towards winning a Green Impact award.

*Be energy friendly: Switch off appliances at the socket, turn off lights when not in use and use the EcoSync QR code in your room to control your heating and turn your radiator off when you're not in your room

*Recycle: In your room you will find a green Lincoln College recycling bag, which you can use and then empty in the garage between Lincoln House and Staircase 15.

*JCR Bike Scheme: For longer journeys (or simply to save time getting to your 9am lectures), consider booking out one of our JCR bikes!



<u>Uni-wide organizations:</u> Oxford SU Environmental *Affairs Campaign: @oxfordsu_eac *Oxford Cliamte Society: @oxfordclimatesoc *Oxford Climate Justice Campaign: @oxfordclimatejustice *Oxford University Environmental Sustainability Team: @oxfordenvsust

Charities Rep

Hi, I'm Callum Stove, a second year Historian. I've been involved in both the fundraising and volunteering side of charitable work throughout my life and can readily attest to its value not only for the people and places helped in the process but also in the incredible satisfaction gained from knowing you've made a difference. It is this pleasure stemming from such work that I hope to be able to foster in my role as your Charities Rep. , if you have any desire to involve yourself, big or small, college or external, please feel free to contact me (<u>callum.stove@lincoln.ox.ac.uk</u>), and I'd love to help. Let me help you to help others, and we'll all be better off for it.





Some of my functions include:

<u>Facilitating volunteering opportunities:</u> Students can come to me with a list of their charitable interests, time availability and working preferences (online or physical), and I will subsequently inform them of any roles that might suit their requirements.
 <u>Supporting Charity Motions:</u> I am available to help at all stages of the system, from assisting in selecting the charity that best champions your chosen cause to aiding in the writing process of the motion itself and finally supporting you in any rehearsal to present the motion in the JCR as well as -during exceptional circumstances- presenting it on your behalf. Lastly, if you dread the idea of lobbying your friends to second your motion, I will personally do so for any that has been adequately planned.

<u>Selecting the JCR's Chosen Charities</u> Once chosen by all years in Michaelmas, the proceeds from subsequent fundraising events (any student can contact me if they wish to host their own) will go towards them at the end of the year.

LGBTQ+ Rep



Toby (he/him) is our LGBTQIA+ rep. He is the person to talk to with any questions or worries related to gender identity or sexual orientation and is always happy to have a chat about anything. He will also be planning some fun events, so watch your inboxes! My email is toby.weston@lincoln.ox.ac.uk.

Uni-wide:

*The Uni's biggest society, OULGBTQ society have a list of resources and FAQs on their website- Sign up to their mailing list (via the link on their website) or follow them on Instagram/Facebook (a) ould btd)!

*Tuesgays are drinks hosted by OULGBTQ Soc every TuesGay (find details on Instagram or Facebook). This is a good chance to socialise with other members of the LGBTQIA+ community with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available. It can also be used as pres for Plush (Oxford's main gay club, on Cornmarket Street - you can get discounted tickets through OULGBTQ), but equally you can just go for TuesGays itself.

items students might not be *OULGBTQ Society also organises the Rainbow Parenting Scheme, which functions much like the college parent scheme, but within the society - contact them to get involved!

In College:

The College has a Gender Expression Fund, which is used to reimburse students for items making them feel more comfortable in their gender presentation. Items that can be reimbursed include (but are not limited to) binders, packers, wigs or travel costs to gender identity clinics & more!

The college also has allocated storage space for comfortable taking home during the vacs (such as pride flags, or gender affirming items like binders/packes/wigs)

Gender Rep



Hi, I'm Alice and I'm a 2nd year PPEist. I'm a feminist and I'm here for anything which you or I might think relates to that. I'm in charge of keeping the JCR stocked with free period products and I'll be around in freshers week to meet you and talk more about my role. Hopefully we can host some cool events and have a lot of fun <3

Alice!

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and I am a third year Chemist. My main role as disability rep is to help students set up their Student Support Plans and just be a friendly face around College to help with any questions that people may have. If you had any exam arrangements at school, please

do get in touch with either me or the excellent Examinations and Adjustments Officer, Rebecca Carley,



and we will be able to point you in the right direction. It is really easy to sort out, but it just does need a bit of time so getting the ball rolling sooner rather than later is best!

My job also involves exam support post and during the exams, especially how to apply for mitigating circumstances for examiners, but there is plenty of time before you need to worry about that!

I am sure I have missed off at least three things, but any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to drop me a line.

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NOE'S GUIDE TO OXFORD'S UBRARES

more out!

One of the most exciting things about coming to Oxford is having access to an amazing range of libraries! Third year Ancient and Modern History student, Noé, has made this guide in case you don't know where to start!

Lincoln's incredible library (definitely the best college library!)

1. Toylorion Aesthetics: ***** Studiousness: ***** Space: * Atmosphere: *****

By far the most beautiful library in Oxford (after Lincoln). The Taylorian is the modern language library, but everyone is welcome! Good places are fought over, especially the balcony ones (they are amazing) but always give it a shot and the library is bigger than most people think with many hidden rooms where you are quite likely to have the whole space just for you. You should ideally enter the building blasting a Taylor Swift song in your ears. I especially love it in the winter because it feels surprisingly warm, especially the central room. The mood is very studious so no chatting at all but because it is very crowded, it is a good library to meet and interact (outside the main room) with new people.

2. Red Cam Aesthetics: ***** Studiousness: ***** Space: ****

Rad Cam is the Oxford library. It is supposed to be the History library but you very often see too many graphs and numbers on people's desks for them to be Historians. As a Historian I should tell you STEM students to go away, but it is so beautiful that I think everyone should have the chance of studying there. If the Taylorian is for cute Oxford aesthetic days the Rad Cam is for Academic Weapon Days. People go there to get stuff done and they (generally) do. Number one in productivity, the Rad Cam is also where you are the most likely to bump into someone you know. It is great if you want to see people and you can do little coffee breaks outside (during which you are likely to be photographed by dozens of tourists). The Rad Cam is quite intimidating at first (it took me weeks to finally go in) but it is definitely worth it and an essential part of the Oxford experience.





3. Law and Social Sciences Aesthetics: +Studiousness: ***

Space: ********





4. Duke Humphrey's

Aesthetics: *** Studiousness: $\pm \pm$ Space: $\pm \pm \pm$ Atmosphere: ***



Duke Humfrey's is the actual Harry Potter library. I have never been because I want to keep it as a little treat for when I want to remind myself of how lucky I am to be here. It is supposed to be absolutely gorgeous. It may not be the most productive because you are likely to spend just as much or even more time looking around than focusing on what you came here to do but definitely worth a visit.

5. The Bodleian



The Bodleian library is massive so you will always find a seat. I went many times and still have not explored all its rooms. It is quite standard, has everything you need, is very central, has good natural light and is less intimidating than the Rad Cam. For me it is the neutral, standard library, the one to use when it is not an academic weapon day nor a white/dark academia aesthetic day but when you are in a normal mood, ready to get work done without too much pressure in a beautiful building.

6. Bodleian art, archaeology, and ancient world library (BAAWL)

Aesthetics: ***** Studiousness: ***** Space: ***** Atmosphere: *****

Previously called the Sackler, this is where you will find the Caahists and AMH students. It is sometimes called "the maze" and I still can't find my way around it after a year. Imagine a hybrid between a cretan temple and a 60s building and you get the weird (but beautiful) mix that is this library.



LINCOLN COLLEGE PAGES:

- Lincoln College JCR- @lincolnoxfordjcr
- Lincoln College, Oxford-@lincolncollegeoxford
- ENTZ 2024- @lincolnentz2024
- Vac Proj (Our JCR Charity)- @Vacproj
- Lincoln College Boat Club-@lincolncollegeboatclub
- Lincoln Cricket- @Lincoln_cricket
- Lincoln College Rugby- @lincolncollegerfc
- Lincoln College Football Club-@Lincolncollegefc
- Lincoln College Net ball- @Lincolnoxnetball
- Lincoln Running Club- @lincolnrunningclub
- Lincoln Women's Football-@lincolnwomenfootball
- The Imp (student publication) @Lincoln.imp
- Lincoln College Crochet Club-@Lincoln_crochet



Oxford is your new home for the next 3 or 4 years, which means you're probably interested in what there is to do in the city! It's an incredible university town with loads to do- here are some recommendations!

Food!

When it comes to food, loads of people like eating breakfast and dinner in hall and grab a baguette from Deepers for lunch, but here are a few recommendations for places to eat in Oxford:

- Wasabi
- Tse Noodles
- Tortilla
- Itsu
- Shake Shack
- Pho
- Leon's
- The Covered Market- Especially Taylor's, Brothers, and Donburi Inn!

Lincoln's central location also makes going to the shops super easy! (Because at the end of the day meal deals save you for lunch when you're busy reading and writing!)

- Tesco- Magdalen Street
- Tesco- St Aldates
- Sainsbury's- Magdalen Street
- Sainsbury's St Aldates













- <u>Missing Bean</u>- Incredibly handy, as it's just across Turl Street from college
- <u>Society Café-</u> One of the best places to get matcha, and excellent coffee as well with nice place to sit outside!
- <u>Queen's Lane Coffee House</u>- great hot chocolates
- <u>Gail's</u>- a bit further away on Little Clarendon Street, but love this area!
- <u>Taylor's</u>- Free cookie with a hot drink after 2pm!
- <u>Cafe Creme</u>- INCREDIBLE SMOOTHIES!
- <u>Knoops</u>- Hands down, best hot chocolate!!!!

Nature!

- Port Meadow- Lovely place to watch the sunset
- Christ Church meadows- Beautiful walks along the river
- Magdalen Deer park- Get in free by showing your bod card!
- Uni Parks- great green area to run through with loads of sports pitches



Things to show guests!

- LINCOLN COLLEGE- the chapel, bring guests to formal hall, grove quad, the library
- OTHER COLLEGES- as an Oxford student, your Bod card gives you access to lots of colleges, and you can bring a guest free into many of them with you which is a great thing to show visitors! Check on Oxford's website for details on visitng other colleges
- UNIVERSITY CHURCH TOWER- climb up the tower across from the Rad Cam for great views of the city (and you can just see into Lincoln!)
- THE ASHMOELAN- great if it's raining; a wonderful musuem of art and archaeology- Pro tip: your bod card gets you into the special exhibitions for free!
- PITT RIVERS MUSEUM- great museum of natural history!
- PUNTING- such a fun activity on a nice day! keep an eye out for the punt scheme that starts in Trinity term!







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WE CANNOT WAIT TO MEET YOU VERY SOON!!

ALL THE BEST, THE JCR

Made by Catrina, with shoutout to Fi, Chris, and Kath < 3