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Entz Letter

Hey everyone! My name's Chris (he/him), also known as *Chair of the Lincoln College JCR Entertainment Committee* (catchy nickname, I know). My team of seven: Annabel, Ardal, Charlotte, Ella, Harry, Kath and I, will be in charge of running Freshers' Week and many other social events throughout the year!

Firstly, a huge congratulations on meeting your offer to study at Lincoln! My team and I can't wait to meet you all and we hope you're excited to discover everything Lincoln has to offer - we have compiled this guide to help you settle in and feel more at home when you arrive in October!

Oxford terms are only 8 weeks long so there is often a lot going on in a short period of time. Whilst deadlines can seem intimidating at first, it's important to remember to take breaks and make the most of your time at Lincoln. We want you all to have as much fun as possible alongside your studies!

We will plan a mixture of small events throughout the term - think karaoke and movie nights to chill out during the week - as well as a couple of big events towards the end of term, including black-tie drinks, BOPs (a big party in our college bar) and pub-crawls. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

We hope to make Freshers Week as memorable an experience as possible for you, with events accessible to all, whether you drink or not. There will be opportunities to go clubbing if you wish, or to non-clubbing alternatives too, so there will be something for everyone to look forward to during the week.

If you have any questions at all during Freshers or the rest of the year, feel free to ask anyone in the team. You can contact myself or my team via email (christopher.paton@lincoln.ox.ac.uk), Instagram (@lincolnentz2023) or Facebook (Lincoln Entz 2023-24).

If you have any suggestions we'd also love to hear them - the more involved everyone is the better our events will be! Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you very soon!



Meet your Entz Team







Ardal The Mullet Man





Kath The Grove Gremlin

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello Freshers, and welcome to Lincoln!

I'm Fi (she/her), a 2nd year PPEist and JCR President for the next year.

I first want to say a huge congratulations for getting into Oxford. It is not an easy task and I hope you are all enjoying a well-deserved break over Summer. When I opened the freshers guide last year I was excited but also very apprehensive, so just know that any nerves you have are completely normal. Everyone arrives equally clueless about what to expect and with all sorts of worries, but before you know it you will have settled in, made friends, met your tutors, and feel ready to get started!

As JCR President, I make sure that things in college run smoothly. I chair the executive and officers committee meetings and represent the JCR on a wide range of college committees. I meet regularly with the Bursar, the Rector, the Senior Dean and various other people around college. One thing that I have learnt so far is that everyone in college is here to help you. They have seen many students in the same situation as you, so if you need to ask a silly question, or think that you have embarrassed yourself, trust me, someone has done worse.

It is inevitable that you will come across challenging moments, but that is what the support system at Lincoln is here to help with. Myself, your college parents, the welfare officers (Hazel and Georgi) and many others are more than willing to help if we can, or point you in the direction of support.

The JCR is a great way to get stuck into college life and give you some time away from your studies. I hope you all make the most of it, and join in. Whether this is joining a college level sports club, singing in Lincoln College Fun Choir, or even being involved in the JCR committee, there is plenty to do at college. College level activities are especially great if you have no prior experience, as they are all about getting involved, having a break and having some fun. I hope to see many of you at the Lincoln College Freshers Fair to see what clubs and societies there are available.

I highly recommend being involved in activities outside your degree. It gives your brain a break, helps you to make new friends, and gives you something to look forward to in your spare time. This year I have done the college play and musical, as well as being involved in the Oxford Union and University Cricket.

I live in the Mitre on Turl Street. I am more than happy to chat (less happy to stop chatting) and am here to help if ever you need anything. It is kind of my job to know what is going on in college so if you have any questions about how things work, then feel free to ask. If I don't know the answer, then there's probably a problem on my end :)

The JCR is a very inclusive space and one where I hope that everyone feels welcome. Lincoln college is known to be small and friendly. I've certainly found that to be the case and I hope that you do too.

I look forward to meeting you all in October!





Entz	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!
Bop	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.
JCR	Collective name for both the body of undergrads and our physical common room
	found in Chapel Quad.
Sub Fusc	The Berries and Cream 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
Sconce	Basically a truth, e.g. "I sconce anyone who's JCR Pres" -> Fi would have to
	drink - BUT we promise it is usually a lot funnier (and more revealing) than
	that!
Hall	Abbreviation for the dining hall in college.
Informal	Normal dinner served at 6pm every evening (except on Saturdays).
Formal	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
2	top!
Great Hall	Essentially an ELEVATED formal hall every second Thursday evening - A lot of
	fun and even includes a cheese board to finish!
Deepers	An abbreviation of our college bar 'Deep Hall' - run by the legendary Simon.
Battels	The bills you pay to college at the start of every term for accommodation, food,
E	etc.
Collections	College-assessed mock exams in Oth week of every term.
Tutes	Abbreviation for tutorials.
Prelims	First year exams.
Rusticate	To suspend studies and return a year later.

Porters	The amazing staff who man the lodge.
Pidges	Pigeon-holes in the lodge where your post is delivered.
Scouts	Cleaners who keep college (and your room) looking lovely.
Lincolnites	The people who study at Lincoln (i.e. YOU!).
Lincoln Till I Die	Our college song - and an absolute tune you will come to love/sing unironically
The Imp	Both the college mascot (look out for it as you enter Deepers) and the name of
	our student-run satirical publication
Quads	The grassy squares enclosed by buildings that make up the college site!
	At Lincoln we have three: Chapel Quad, Front Quad and Grove Quad.
Rector	Head of the college! Ours is Professor Henry Woodhuysen. Note that The head of
	a college may have a different title at another college!
Matriculation	The ceremony at the start of your first term that officially initiates you into the
	university.
Husts	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.
Rowing	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	To be disciplined by the Dean due to misbehaviour.
Cuppers	Any intercollegiate competition in sports, drama etc.
- Vac	Abbreviation of 'vacation' - the break between terms
Vac Res	Abbreviation of 'vacation residence' - permission to remain in your
	accommodation after the 8 week term has finished.
Bod Card	Your university student card - VERY important!
Michaelmas	First term, from October to December
Hilary	Second term, from January to March
Trinity	Third term, from April to June
Oxfess	Facebook page with confessions/quips about student life and the uni - you
	should join as a right of passage really
Welfare Tea	
	on a Saturday afternoon - free food and open to all, what's not to love?



WHAT IS THE JCR?

JCR stands for 'Junior Common Room' and you'll be hearing a lot about it at Oxford so read on to find out more...

> The JCR has two definitions: it is both the physical common room that anyone is welcome to hang out in, as well as the name given to the undergraduate student body. I'm the JCR, you're the JCR, we're all the JCR - yippee!

The common room is at the bottom of staircase 5, on the right as you go into Chapel Quad. It has a small incredible kitchen with a microwave, toaster and fridge. It sometimes even has free snacks (if you're quick)! Last year we upgraded the common room with the purchase of a Nintendo Wii Console, and we now have JCR Lego!

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?

Most of what happens at Lincoln is run by students, so we need people to take part wherever possible to make things happen

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.

Turn over for more info on all of these important roles...

JCR BUREAUCRACY EXPLAINED:

The Executive Team: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer

The JCR Officers:

Entz Chair (coolest person in the JCR), Welfare Officers, Academic Affairs Officer, Access Officer, Environment and Ethics Officer, and Secretary

JCR WORKING GROUPS:

WELFARE:

LGBTQ+, Gender, Disabilities, Social Backgrounds, CRED (Cultural, Religious and Ethnic Diversity) and International Reps

SUSTAINABILITY:

Bike Rep, Food Rep and Charities Rep

OPERATIONS:

Arts Reps, Sports Rep, Cookie, Marmite and Steak Fairies, Tortoise Keeper, Archivists and (many, many, many) other roles.

RELATIONS:

Website Manager, Imp Editor (student journalism), 1427 President (alumni correspondent)

All of these roles are determined by elections, which happen throughout the year. You don't need to worry about applying for a while, this is just to give you insight into how the student body is run!



Fiona Townsley JCR PRESIDENT

Meet the JCR Executive Team



Freddie Maud VICE PRESIDENT

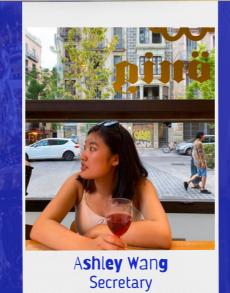




Jake Palmer



Tom Newman Access Officer





Chris Paton Entz Chair



Amelia Kopacz Academic Affairs Officer

Meet the JCR Officers





Hazel Kenny Welfare Officer





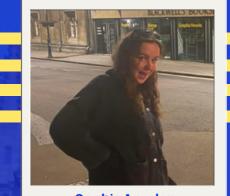
Georgi Filipov Welfare Officer



Q&A WITH LINCOLNITES



Harry Bridgewater, Medicine



Sophie Layden, Ancient and Modern History



Olly Turney, Caah

Favourite Event in Freshers Week?

Probably 30 questions. Everyone is in the same boat, hardly knows each other, so really helps to discover your year group. It is both an alcoholic and non-alcoholic event so good fun for everyone.

Definitely the Deepers BOP at the end of the week.

"30 questions" was a very fun way to get to know people in a VERY informal atmosphere in the Dining Hall

Best Memory from Freshers Week?

Think coming in on the first day and seeing happy smiley faces. Making friends within the first few hours of being at college was so nice and reassuring. Getting college married at matriculation was also a huge highlight as well as the whole day.

Just after freshers week, but my college wedding being officiated by drunk postgrads who cried the whole way through. Meeting and spending lots of time with people who are still my closest friends and exploring Oxford before the work started.

Favourite hall meal?

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It's got to be fish and chips. Fish and chips is served every Friday lunchtime and a great way to recover from and debrief a Thursday Bridge. Sunday roasts!!!

Big fan of any of the permutations of potatoes: herby diced, roasted, chips, croquettes, hash browns...

Favourite event of the year?

Black tie drinks or one of the Deepers bops never fail to disappoint. I also really like the events at the boat houses like Summer VIIIs. Summer eights, the biggest college rowing competition of the year! Boat house island turns into a summer festival with music, pimms and barbecues everywhere, and most people turn up more for the vibes than the rowing!

Groove quad - From a DJ set to a drag act and much more besides, including 2 sets from Linc Floyd (shameless plug from me there as a member of the band!)

Favourite extra-curricular?

For me it would be sport- I played Rugby for the university in the first two terms which was a big commitment but so rewarding. Playing college hockey and cricket in Trinity was also lovely. ...Rowing. Lincoln College Boat Club is honestly amazing. I had never rowed before, but they are so patient and encouraging to novices that I quickly found my feet. College sports have been great: cricket, rugby, football, ultimate frisbee (the list goes on). Good way to keep in shape and a fun way to meet people, especially in a less competitive setting (though we absolutely cannot lose to Brasenose!)

Favourite hidden spot in Oxford?

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The Chester Arms in Oxford is a lovely pub just off the Iffley Road. I also enjoy open water swimming, so I like head down to Lake Hinksey once a week or so for a quick dip! The towpath by Christ Church Meadows is great for a quiet walk, especially on a sunny day, and it ends at a pretty little bridge and cottage. (Also, Jericho Coffee Traders does the best coffee in Oxford).

Christchurch meadows. The green area around the river from which you can see the spires of Christchurch, university church, and LINC LIB is especially idyllic.

What do you wish you had known before coming?

That there is so much more than academia at Oxford. Although it is busy and requires time management, you can do sport, music, go out and really have fun with whatever interests you at Oxford.The college system allows you to do so much so easily and escape from the workload. Oxford is amazing, but it can be stressful, and sometimes a nap or a walk can do wonders.

It can be easy to lose perspective here, so taking a moment to remove yourself can be really helpful. Also, let yourself have fun! Nobody has any clue what's going on, we're all trying to muddle through (especially in Freshers' Week) and that's completely okay! So don't be too hard on yourself and BE yourself because one of the best things about Oxford is the diversity and variety of people you meet.

DAY IN The Life





08:30 - 09:00

12:30 - 13:30

07:30-08:30

13:30 - 14:00

Wake up. I usually try to get up fairly early as I definitely work best in the morning, but it obviously depends on what time I managed to get to bed the night before and whether I have any 9am classes!

Breakfast. I head to Pret pretty much every morning to get a coffee and usually have that with some cereal in my room, I like to get out my room for at least a short walk before starting work for the day. Occasionally I'll go to hall for breakfast if I fancy some hot food or my friends are going.

09:00 – 12:30 Library. I definitely benefit from trying to get a good amount of work done before lunch, so I'll usually head to Lincoln library for the morning. Humanities degrees generally require most of your work to be independent, so I spend most of my time in the lib reading for essays, writing essays, or doing translations. Some days I might have a morning lecture, in my first year I usually had two or three a week.

Lunch. Most days I'll head to the college bar (Deepers) for lunch, my personal favourite is the falafel baguette. It's a good chance to relax as there are always people to chat to in there.

Tutorial prep. Normally my tutorials are sometime in the afternoon, so I like to look over the material that we'll be covering or read over my essay that I handed in so it's fresh in my mind.

Tutorial. in the Modern Languages tutorials we normally will have handed in essays the day before on an author or text, which we then go over with our tutor. It's a great opportunity to ask questions about things you might not have understood in your reading or lectures, and also relate any ideas you've had about the texts you've studied to your tutor.



DAY IN The Life





Kath Simms

09:00

I thought about starting this 'Day in the Life' at 08:00 and including a trip to breakfast in hall. However, in all honesty, though hall breakfast is very tempting, more often than not I am still asleep until at least 09:00.

I usually spend this time in my room, getting ready and preparing myself for the day. Most days I will also use this time to catch up with the people who live in my corridor (who have usually already been up for hours and probably accomplished something with their morning). I will also usually make my first trip to Pret around this time.

10:30-12:30

13:30-16:30

Historians have two lectures a week in first year, usually in the late morning/ early afternoon. Most of my tutes in first year also took place around this time, so usually I'll be doing something productive around this point in the day. However, if I have nothing scheduled, chances are that I am either lurking in Grove Quad or sitting in the Waterstones Café with some reading.

Lunch! Most days I'll go to Deepers for a chicken tikka or ham & cheese baguette - or maybe a salad if I'm feeling adventurous. This is also a great time to catch up with everybody - especially nice in summer when everyone is sitting outside in Grove.

Library/ Café trip. I will usually use the afternoon to do some reading. History is a subject with a lot of independent learning, and so organising your work and ensuring you are up to date on reading and essay writing can be difficult. Although Lincoln library is without a doubt the most beautiful in Oxford, sometimes a change of scene is necessary and so I'll hop between various Cafés and libraries as I work through my readings.

12:30 - 13:30

09:15-10:30

Walk/mill about. In the late afternoon I'll take a break from my work and **16:30-18:00** mill about Oxford for a little bit (usually with a friend) - its a beautiful place and you'll find it difficult to run out of new things to see. If I've got more work to do then I might use this time to get it done, but this is usually only the case just before a deadline. **Dinner!!** I nearly always go to hall for dinner - the food is great and there 18:00 - 19:00 are plenty of people available to hold hostage in conversation. If I am within a few days of a deadline, I will use this time to get some **19:00 - 21:00** more work done in the library or my room. If not, I might meet some friends for a drink (or have some 'me time'). However, more often than not, I will spend this time lying on my neighbour's floor and chatting as she tries to do her work. The evening can go one of two ways - either I have mismanaged my time 21:00-??? throughout the week and as a result am deep in a dreaded essay crisis, OR I have completed all of my work for the day and am now free. As such, my evening can be spent either labouring over my computer and wondering why I didn't start earlier, or in Deepers catching up with everyone and promising I'll go 'out out' (I won't). **Sleep.** I try to be in bed by 00:00, however, how often this actually happens ???-??? is unfortunately a reflection of my poor self-discipline. A (Small) Disclaimer: Take this 'Day in the Life' with a grain of salt - historians definitely lack overall structure due to our lack of contact hours and so every day is almost entirely different. However, a more visual insight into the day can still be found in the highlights of the Lincoln JCR Instagram. Look for a history and maths takeover! - cheeky self promo

FADE AND EDNEERNE

Do you ever feel homesick?

Manali Patil Coming from bright and sunny Singapore, Hilary term (the second term in Oxford's academic year) made me miss home a lot. The term runs from January to mid-March, and it was quite the shock for a tropical person like me. You can look forward to rain, snow, the freezing cold, and darkness at 4pm. The worst of it all was when the electricity in the main college accommodation was down for a weekend. This meant no heating and no hot water which obviously led to me becoming slightly sick, making me miss my parents even more. Nonetheless, Hilary can have some incredibly beautiful moments (like the sunset from my room in the pictures) and my friends were an incredible support throughout it all. It always takes time to settle in but Lincoln will truly become a home away from home in no time.

Will I have time for extra-curriculars?

FITOWINSLEY

Extra curriculars are a great way to meet people and can serve as a necessary and deserved break from working. As much as your degree will be a large commitment, there is still plenty of time to take up extra curriculars. I have found that by doing extra curriculars, I am more focussed on my work because I have something else to look forward to and a bit more variety in my day. In first year I did the college musical (photo evidence provided) and the college play, I was involved in the Oxford Union and I played some University Cricket. Some extra curriculars take more commitment than others, but everyone understands that sometimes you have a tough week and might need to skip a practice/meeting/rehearsal to make a deadline. If you want low commitment extra curriculars, doing activities at the college level is great. You certainly shouldn't let your degree get in the way of doing the things you enjoy, whether this is something you have done before, or something you want to pick up.

Is the accommodation nice?

olly Turney Lincoln college accommodation is some of the best in Oxford (not that I'm biased at all!). About half of the year are in the main college quads themselves and the other half are across the road in Lincoln House/Staircase 15. This does not really matter because LH and St15 are a two second walk from college. As a Staircase 15 survivor (!), I can say that I loved my first-year room and it was not a problem being over the road. Your view may not be onto a quad but the rooms themselves are good, and you could very easily make it your own with posters and lights etc. So, no matter what, you will get a good room! Oh, and all first-year rooms are ensuite, which is obviously a huge bonus! Another good thing about Lincoln accommodation is that if you get a smaller or inferior room in first year (and yes, they do exist, though even these rooms are by no means bad), you will be top of the ballot and get a much higher ranked room in second year! In later years, students are housed in various sites, none of which are more than a 10-minute walk from the city centre meaning all accommodation is really central and convenient. You're living in the beautiful centre of Oxford - what's not to love?!

Was it easy to fit in at Lincoln? Will I fit in?

Georgi Filipov

Absolutely, everyone is so friendly, welcoming, and easy to talk to. If you ever need anyone to talk to if you sit down in the Grove Quad benches for more than 5 minutes you are always guaranteed to find someone. Try to talk to as many people as you can, especially during the first few weeks it always pays off. There are many Lincoln societies and activities that you can take a part of all great vibes. Just take advantage of the Entz team, Deepers and Grove Quad and you'll be fine I promise.

What was your first tutorial like?

Sahil Shah

Tutorials are a form of personalised learning that's unique to oxford and, for me, what makes degrees here so interesting! When I first came to Oxford I'd heard a lot about tutorials and was really scared that they would be so intimidating, but they're really not. The tutors are all so friendly and you'll have a great community of your peers to help you out. My first tutorial was simply a discussion of the readings I had been assigned that week with my tute partner and going over any points of interest but what made it so interesting was the fact that it was with an expert on the subject- and they had an answer to literally every question I had! If you're nervous about what to expect from a tutorial, then think back to your interview- tutorials are just nicer versions of interviews and with less pressure!

How did you cope with the workload?

charlotte Hadfield I found that making sure you were aware of your tasks for each week really helped with keeping on top of the workload. It definitely gets easier as you go along because you get a grasp of how long each tute sheet should roughly take you. I also found getting into a rhythm each week really helps, such as starting my maths sheet or tute sheet on the same day each week so that I know I've given myself enough time to complete it, because as a STEM student I also have a lot of contact hours each week. I know that at times the amount of work can seem really daunting but I'd also recommend giving yourself time to still do extracurricular activities that you enjoy because I found it then made the time when I was working more enjoyable.

NOÉS GUIDE TO Oxford Dibraries

There are a lot of libraries in Oxford, more than a hundred! Some are massive - the Bodleian Library owns over 13 million printed books - some are way smaller, and to help you navigate them, here is a review of some of my favourites:



Noé Vonlanthen

1. TAYLORIAN 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. RAD CAM

Aesthetics: ☆☆☆☆☆ Studiousness: ☆☆☆☆☆ Space: ☆☆☆ Atmosphere: ☆☆☆☆ 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 LIBRARIES

Aesthetics: ☆☆ Studiousness: ☆☆☆☆☆ Space: ☆☆☆☆☆ Atmosphere: ☆☆☆



If you prefer working in modern environments these are my recommendations. The law faculty library is a massive open space with a good natural light (sometimes you really need it). There are also many small "private" rooms on the side that you can use if you go with a few friends. You can make it your headquarters for a day and it can help make a long library day more fun. The SSL is quite different, less grand and less beautiful but also less frequented so you will always find a place (or even a full table just for you). They have a **canteen in the building** which is also good if you want a change from Lincoln. The SSL is the perfect choice for a hermit day, when you just want to get away from the crowd and be alone for a bit. Both the Law Library and the SSL are near St Catz, a little walk away from Lincoln, so I would keep them for long library sessions but the walk really adds something, like a relaxing morning commute, something you never really get since Lincoln is so central.

4. DUKE HUMFREYS





Aesthetics: ☆☆☆☆☆ Studiousness: ☆☆ Space: ☆☆☆ 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 BOD (BODLEIAN)

Aesthetics: ☆☆☆☆☆ Studiousness: ☆☆ Space: ☆☆☆ Atmosphere: ☆☆☆☆☆



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.



et work done without



6. BODLEIAN ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT WORLD LIBRARY (BAAWL)



Aesthetics: $& \bigstar \\ & & \\ Studiousness: & & & & \\ & & \\ Space: & & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ Atmosphere: & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ &$

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.

Remember this is only six out of a hundred libraries so explore as much as possible... There are a lot of hidden gems waiting for you to find them!

What Goes In Oxford

Lincoln's central location means you never have to travel far to find something to do, see or eat, so here's how Chris (is he a qualified tour guide? Oh well, he's here now) recommends you make the most of it!

Walks and Outdoors

The JCR Bike Scheme lets you book one of six bikes for free and is a great way to explore all of Oxford. Wear a gown cycling to look extra cool.
Uni Parks - Beautiful park with space to play and watch sports
Christchurch Meadows - Best spot for a welfare walk/to admire the phenomenally talented rowers racing past (how do they do it? We'll never know...)
Port Meadows - Great for wild swimming in Summer
South Parks - Amazing sunset views and has fireworks on Bonfire Night!

Activities

- Facebook Events is a treasure trove with countless events going on in Oxford so keep an eye on it throughout the year!

Junkyard Gold - Fun both when sober and tipsy, what more could you want? Ice Hockey - No experience needed, find out more in Freshers' Week... Curzon and Odeon - Cinemas where you can watch the Barbie movie (and others) Oxford Playhouse - One of many venues for student musicals/plays Sheldonian Theatre - Phenomenal student orchestra performances Botanical Gardens - Free entry and delicious plants (kidding, touch don't eat)

Pubs and Bars

Oxford has the best pubs in the world, simple as that.
Turf Tavern - Very famous, great to show family
The Bear - Oldest pub in Oxford with live music nights!
The Four Candles - Oxford has two Spoons (crazy) but this is the better one
Freud - Cocktail bar with black tie events year-round, an Oxford staple
The Mad Hatter - Home of Student Jazz Nights and affordable cocktails
The Alchemist - Great for wannabe Chemists (hate us cause they ain't us).

Cafes

- I probably spent half of my time (and money) this year in one cafe or another (mostly Pret unfortunately)

Missing Bean - Always reliable and cool baristas (not sponsored) Jericho Coffee Traders - Hipster baristas and a great book exchange Columbia Coffee Roasters - Student discount, enough said Pret - Get the subscription and then we can talk (sponsored) Waterstones Cafe - Great for working in, if you do that

Quick Bites

Ideal for a quick lunch so you can get back to napping writing essays
Deepers - Baguettes, burgers, salads, smoothies and Simon
Italiamo - Delicious calzone
Cafe Creme - Nice baguettes, no complaints
Alternative Tuck Shop - Amazing, deserves a whole page in this booklet really
Najar's Place - Great falafel, even greater hummus
Gloucester Green Markets - Expensive but fun to explore (Weds to Sun)

Clubs

Oxford has the best nightlife in the whole of Oxfordshire, get excited!
Plush - Tuesgays and other LGBTQ+ events hosted regularly in an underground venue
Atik - Iconic Oxford clubbing experience with music for all tastes
Bridge - Best outdoor/smoking area of any club, great for meeting people
The Bullingdon - Further away than the other three but worth it for events
O2 Academy - Great for live performances

Restaurants

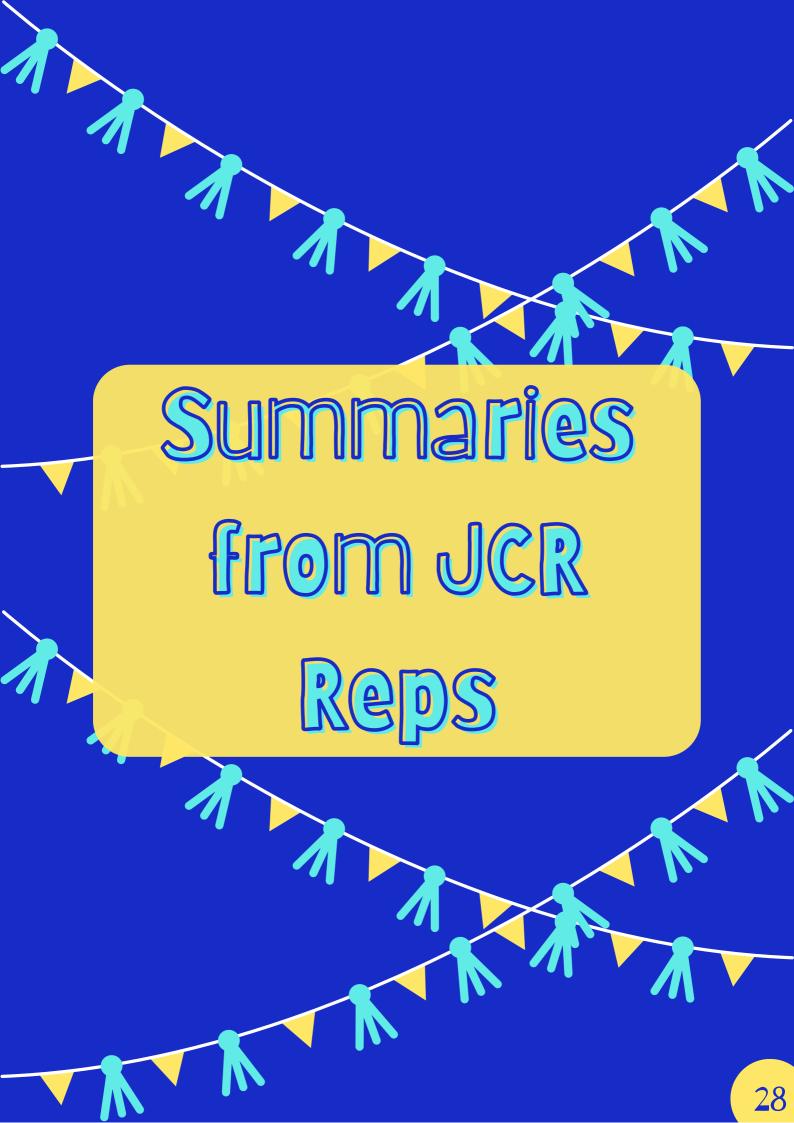
There are too many to list so here are some cool ones.
 Tse Noodle, Thaikhun, Glut, Mission Burrito, Mama Mia (best pizza in Oxford), Giggling Squid (good for family), The White Rabbit (good pub grub)

Fast Food

McDonalds, KFC, Itsu, Wasabi, Popeyes, Wendy's, Five Guys, Hassan's (best food truck), Posh Nosh. Too Good To Go is a great app for saving money and reducing food waste!

Important!

This really is only a taste of what Oxford has to offer. There is so much more to experience, I won't spoil it all for you!



SPORTS

SPORTS AT LINCOLN:

College sports are a super fun and easy way to get involved with college; also a great way to get to know people outside of your year. They are relatively low commitment and open to all abilities. Whether you want to continue playing a sport from school or want to get into something new, college sport is a great starting point.

If there is a sport you want to see at college level, you can get a team together and set it up! Just get in touch with the Sports Rep for more info!

Athletics X Basketball Cricket Football Handball * Hockey x 5 Lacrosse 為 Netball Rowing * Rugby Tennis Frisbee

The sports we offer

UNIVERSITY SPORTS:

The University has a massive variety of sports on offer and if you are serious about your sport there will be a team for you! University-wide teams are more challenging and committed so previous experience is often required, although many university teams do hold "academies" to introduce new players to sports if you are interested. The most prestigious first teams are called "Blues" and are a goal of many sporty Oxford students!

Here is a non-exhaustive list of University Sports, if you can't find what you are interested in, it is possible it was missed off the list so you may want to look for info at the University Freshers' Fair or on the website

Go to https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk for more information

some of the sports available:

Archery, American football, Aikido, Athletics, Australian football, Badminton, Amateur boxing, Basketball, Baseball, Cycling, Canoe & Kayak, Caving, Cheerleading, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Cricket, Cross Country, Croquet, Contemporary Dance, Dancesport, Eton Fives, Equestrian, Fencing, Floorball, Football, Gliding, Golf, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Ice Hockey, Ice Skating, Jitsu, Judo, Karate, Kendo, Kickboxing, Korfball, K. O. Krav, Kabaddi, Lacrosse, Modern Pentathlon, Motor Drivers, Mountaineering, Netball, Polo, Pool & Snooker, Powerlifting, Rowing, Rugby, Squash, Swimming, Ski/Snowboarding, Surf, Taekwondo, Trampolining, Triathlon, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Scuba Diving, Volleyball, Water Polo, Windsurfing, Yacht.

HOW DOES OXFORD Sport Work?

- We train 3-4 times a week for uni level stuff, with extra training and gym sessions on the side.
- Training takes place in the evenings, so it doesn't get in the way of work.
- Matches are usually on a Wednesday, and lectures usually don't take place on Wednesday afternoons to compensate.
- Most sports teams work towards varsity, a match against Cambridge, which has a long history and is extremely (extremely) competitive.
- I usually play Blues Rugby but have also played in American football varsity as some of the less subscribed teams are always looking for new players - they are always so welcoming and it is really easy to get involved.



How to get involved:

- College: Contact the captain of a sports team which the Sports Rep (me) has.
- University level: check out their Instagram page, message them, check out their Facebook page.

Competitions:

VARSITY!!! (the big one)
 We have a few different competitions across the year which lots of students come to and support.
 The intercollegiate sport competition is called Cuppers. Cuppers matches are great

fun but also always extremely

competitive.

Sports Facilities:

Gym: the college has a free membership at Iffley road sports centre gym, but many people grab a buzz or pure gym membership which are both under 10 minute walks away from college. Iffley road sports centre also has facilites for swimming, running, racket sports. More sports stuff happens at Uni Parks, Iffley Road Sports Centre or at the college sports grounds, ours being 'Barties'.



LINCOLN WINNING Rugby Cuppers!!!





Kath Simms Arts Rep



The Arts are at the heart of ...



Fiona TownSley Arts Rep

THE ARTS AT LINCOLN:

Drama at Lincoln:

@lincolndramasociety on insta!

At Lincoln we are lucky enough to have our own Drama Society - LCDS. This is a fantastic way to get stuck into some really good plays, and get to know other people that you otherwise wouldn't have likely met and develop friendships across year groups. Most years there is a JCR musical in Michaelmas, and an LCDS production in Hilary- members of other colleges are welcome to take part in Hilary!

Last year the JCR put on an incredible production of Grease, and LCDS wowed with Witness for the Prosecution (starring Fi and featuring expert marketing by Kath).

Lincoln Journalism:

The Imp is Lincoln's termly satirical magazine. It includes anything from interviews and articles to poems and puns. It is published once a term, usually after everyone has gone home in 8th week (and needs a little excitement). Writing for the Imp highly highly encouraged and also functions as a great and educational way to procrastinate doing work! You may find you have the wit to challenge the talents of even the authors of this Freshers' Guide.

More to come on *The Imp* from our Imp Representative!

Turl Street Arts Festival:

The Turl Street Arts Festival is a ten-day arts festival in February every year. It's a wonderful way to get to know fellow students in neighbouring colleges, as well as express some creativity! Year-to-year, the events change but we always have a street fair on Brasenose Lane with live music and fun art stalls! TSAF is a staple of the Oxford Arts Calendar, and you can't miss it!

Arts Rep Events:

As Arts Reps, we will be organising various events throughout the year, and keep you updated on all Artsy happenings in and around Oxford. We will also be working closely with the Entz and Welfare Reps to inject their events with our artistic flair.

If you have any suggestions or burning questions then feel free to get in touch!

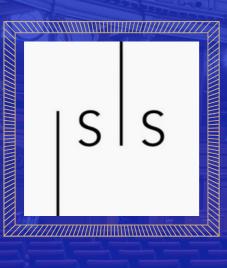
Music at Lincoln:

For our musically inclined Freshers, never fear, there is plenty to entertain you in and out of college. Lincoln is home to groups such as Lincoln College Music Society and Lincoln College Fun Choir, as well as our venerated Chapel Choir. Whether you simply want to trot down to Lincoln College Fun Choir and listen to your college friends attempt various renditions of Adele or Coldplay, or join a quartet in Music Society for those with a knack for instruments, there is every opportunity. LCMS also put on various concerts throughout the year, usually in the Oakeshott Room, which are not to be missed. Lincoln also has practice rooms in the Garden Building equipped with instruments and sheet music, should you want to practise your own instrument, or maybe take up the piano when creativity strikes.

THE ARTS AT OXFORD:

The Arts are everywhere in Oxford - from university dance societies to college bands (like our house band, 'Linc Floyd') and student-run publications like the ISIS. Here we have compiled a list of various societies that contribute towards Oxford's creative scene.

We would definitely encourage everyone to go to an Arts event at least once during their degree - whether it be taking a Bachata class, attending an OUO concert, or just roaming the galleries.







Some Societies: (and their Instagrams)

Drama

- Lincoln College Drama Society @lincolndramasociety
- Oxford University Drama Society @ ouds
- Oxford Technical Theatre Society @outts.ox

Music

- Oxford University Music Society @oxunimusicsociety
- Oxford University Rock Music Society @ox.rock.soc
- Oxford University Orchestra @oxforduniversityorchestra
- Oxford University Philharmonic
- Oxford Recording Society @oxfordrecordingsoc
- Oxford University Brass Band @oxunibrassband

Art

- Edgar Wind Society (Art History) @edgar.wind.society
- Oxford University Art Club @oxuniartclub

Film

- Oxford University Filmmaking Foundation @ouff.ox
- Student Film Journal @studentfilmjournal

Publications

- The Isis **@theisismagazine**
- INDUSTRY magazine @industryoxford
- PHASER magazine @phaser.magazine

Misc

- Oscar Wilde Society (Literary Society) @oxwildesoc
- Oxford Media Society @oxfordmediasoc

AND SO MANY MORE

ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS



Environment and ethics are really important topics in and around the university, these are just a few ways to get involved. Lincoln also has a dedicated E&E rep, Hetty Bieber (email: hester.bieber@lincoln.ox.ac.uk) who is there if you have any concerns or want extra information!

What can you do in the University?

OCJC, Oxford Climate Justice Campaign

A more informal society than OCS but still focused on the the University of Oxford's climate impact. It has weekly meetings which are great to attend if you have free time.

Oxford Eco Platform

In terms of the environment at Oxford joint the Facebook page, 'Oxford Eco Platform' for info and events!

CLOC, Climate Leage of Oxf and Cam

This is a campaign (run by OCS and in partnership with Cambridge University) that ranks colleges on the climate commitments, check out the website at www.oxcamcloc.org

OCS, Oxford Climate Society

This is an award-winning University of Oxford society dedicated to connecting and developing informed leaders. To hear about upcoming events follow them on facebook at 'Oxford Climate Society.'

Oxford Vegsoc

This works to connect, collaborate with and advocate for the vegan and vegetarian student community in Oxford.

What can you do in Lincoln?

Use your recycling bag

This is in your room and can recycle paper, glass, tins and card. This bag will have to be emptied in the courtyard of stair case 15 and Lincoln house.

Invest in a keep cup

 You will can get discounted coffee for having a keep cup at many places across the city!

Green Impact

This is one of the schemes college runs to help with its sustainability. If you're interested in being a volunteer (you could be involved in biodiversity, recycling, energy conservation etc.) give me an email at hester.bieber@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

Turn your lights off

I know this sounds like common sense, but it makes such a difference for conservation of energy!

Ecosync

This is a centralised heating system that means the college saves energy for heating. There is a QR code in your room where you can control the temperature of your radiator, and turn your radiator off when you're out.

Ecosia

• This is a search engine that plants trees, we love trees!



CHARITIES

Charity is one of the most important aspects of Lincoln life and it's safe to say that giving back to our community is one of the many things that makes Lincoln so great! There are opportunities to take part in charity work both within the college and in Oxford at large.



Sahil Shah Charities Rep

How can you get involved in college?:

At the start of each year we, the JCR will select up to two charities to fundraise for over the upcoming year. We then organise lots of small fundraising events such as shows and concerts, quizzes, bake sales. It's always great fun so make sure to get involved!

On an annual basis, Lincoln College VacProj (VACATION PROJECT) organises day trips and week long holiday camps for free, for children involved in the social services. Lincoln students make up the volunteers needed to lead this week and If you speak to anyone still or previously involved with VacProj, you will find out how rewarding of an experience volunteering for this is. You can **submit a charity motion to the JCR before any meeting**. These are used if you want the JCR to make a donation to a specific charitable cause. There are particular limits on the amount of money that can be spent, dependent on the JCR's budget for the year.

We also put on fundraising events for other charities within college! If you wish to do this or have any ideas about which charities to support/which events to put on contact Sahil- our current Charities Rep.

Charity at Oxford:

More initiatives + charities can be found in the charities sections at the fresher's fayre.

The Oxford Hub

Regularly updated with charitable initiatives around Oxford and help with how to get involved. Set up to make it easier for Oxford students to give back.

Turl Street Homeless Action

Essentially a student-run homeless outreach group that provides food, drink and lovely chats for the homeless in oxford - find out about how to help out by liking their Facebook group.

Oxford Nightline

Another brilliant initiative (a hotline/listening service run by and for students at Oxford and Oxford Brookes). You can volunteer to be a listener by heading to www.oxfordnightline.org

Raise and Give Oxford:

The Student Union Charity initiative which organises fundraisers and other events throughout the year for elected charities. More information can be found here: https://www.oxfordsu.org/ge t-involved/rag/

BOCTAL BACKGROUNDS AND BRED



Anan**y**a **S**a**r**af Social Backgrounds Rep

We want to ensure there is a safe space and network for those who are **part of the 93%, working class, first generation, lowincome, and refugee communities**.

Your **Social Backgrounds Rep is Ananya Saraf**. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions before or during term!





At Lincoln:

Alongside the uni hosted events, we run internal events within the Lincoln community, such as 93% formals and afters, and 93% pub crawls.

We also have a Whatsapp groupchat you can join, where we arrange more informal social events. We also hold charity fundraising events for those who come from displaced, refugee, and asylumseeking backgrounds - such as informative talks with Welfare tea, or jewellery making in Grove.

Throughout the University:

Branching out to the wider uni community, during fresher's fair you will be able to join many societies such as the 93% club, Class Act, who host social and career focused events... However, if you want to get a head start, here are their instagrams:

> @93cluboxford @the93percentclub @oxfordclassact @teesofsolidarity

A few of the societies:

Oxford South Asian Arts, Oxford Mixed Heritage Society, Oxford African & Caribbean Soc, Oxford Jewish Society, Oxford Arab Society, Oxford Islamic Society, Oxford Indian Society, etc etc etc

Bea (she/her) and Zoe (they/she), these are the people who will be running all the queer events at Lincoln and are there for you to talk to whether it be identity related or you just want a chat about anything gay. Our emails are beatrice.keady@lincoln.ox.ac.uk and zoe.adams@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

At Lincoln:



Bea Keady and Zoe Adams LGBTQIA+ Reps

Events

We'll be doing many events throughout the year starting with a welcome event in freshers week which will include pizza, drinks and maybe some Mario Kart! Keep an eye out for emails from us about events throughout the year.

Gender Expression Fund

College will reimburse students for items that make them feel more comfortable in their gender presentation. Items can include but are not limited to binders, packers, wigs, or travel costs to gender identity clinics.
We will be sending out a more informative email on the process to apply for the fund and more details about what college will and won't cover.

Vac Res LGBTQ+ Storage

College have allocated space over the vacs for items students might not be comfortable to take home (including but not limited to a pride flag or gender affirming items like a binder).

Throughout the University:

Resources:

Oxford University LGBTQ Society have a list of resources and FAQs on their website: https://www.oulgbtq.org/identity-resources.html

TuesGays:

Drinks are hosted by Oxford University LGBTQ Soc every TuesGay (details can be found on their Instagram or Facebook). This is a chance to socialise with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available. It can be used as pres for Plush (Oxford's main gay club) but many go just for TuesGays itself.

Other Events:

Huge variety of events from film nights to concerts. Find more info on Instagram/Facebook

Rainbow Parenting Scheme:

Like the College Parenting Scheme but organised through OULGBTQ Soc.

DISABILITIES

A friendly face happy to advocate on your behalf if necessary. Feel free to contact **samuel.strachan@lincoln.ox.ac.uk** if you have any questions before or during term.



In order to provide the support you need, it is essential that you declare a disability, chronic condition or a Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) before you join us next term.

Lincoln's Disability Coordinator is Lisa Stokes-King: please contact her with any request or queries (or just to find out more) at <u>lisa.stokes-king@lincoln.ox.ac.uk</u>. The Disability Coordinator is here to support you and accommodate your needs! If you have any problems with your room, such as accessibility problems, contact them or Annaliese Griffiss (Annaliese.griffiss@lincoln.ox.ac.uk), our Accommodation Manager.

Throughout the University: \\\

Disability Advisory Service

A confidential, free service that offers advice on any disability-related issue. For advice and appointment availability, see *https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/disability*.

University Counselling Service

See website for the most up-to-date info on resources and free appointments: *https://academic.admin.ox.ac.uk/counselling.*

Your GP

Our GP is **King Edward Street at the Northgate Medical Practice** - you should register with them before you start at Lincoln.

GENDER





Period products are available, free of charge, in all laundry rooms in College. There will be emails/forms sent each term to make sure that everyone always has enough. If you see that a room needs restocking, just let me know and it will be sorted!

There will also be gender-related events throughout the year, from movie nights to workshops and talks. This will include joint events with other reps like Entz and Arts.

If you have a gender-related issue that you would like to talk about, whether that be experiencing harassment, identity issues or anything else, I will always be around to chat.

It would be great to hear any suggestions about gender events that you would like to see in College. Also, if you find out about any gender-related events in Oxford that you would like to support, please let me know so that Lincoln can get involved.

CACCARC Throughout the University: CAR



Anti-sexual violence campaign from the SU (@ithappenshereoxford on Instagram)

Fem Soc

A place to explore feminist-related topics, campaigning for empowerment and equality (@oxfemsoc on Instagram)

Oxford Women in Business

Student group aiming to empower women and non-binary people, running networking events etc. (@oxwib on Instagram)

Taking place in *second week of Hilary term*, Lincoln Unites is a week of events organised by the LU President, seeking to promote equality, diversity and unity within the college.

A wide range of events take place throughout the week which spark dialogue, foster learning and celebrate the diversity of our community. This may include for example an International Food Fair, Drag Night, and Intersectionality Exhibit among other events! More information can be found on the JCR website and the Lincoln Unites Facebook page.

We will be releasing the program during Michaelmas, so stay tuned!

STUDENT JOURNALISM

Propaganda Journalism brought to you by none other than the *executive* (only) editor of Lincoln's student magazine. Contact Olivia Boyle to get indoctrinated involved!

THE

LINCO

We need you to cause impish mayhem.

The Imp is the college's satire magazine. It's not hard to mock things here.



IMP

There are no cooler people than those who write for *The* Imp. If you like humour, the idea of tearing down the walls of institution from the inside and, more importantly, trolling Oxfess, keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to kick-start your career as a satirist.

Rake up street cred . writing for The Imm MEET TORTILLA

Hi I'm **Tasha**, a third year biomed student but most importantly, Lincoln's Tortoise Keeper! My job is to look after Lincoln's smallest member, Tortilla!

Tortilla is a 12 year old **Horsefield/Russian tortoise** who lives in the MCR. Lots of the colleges in Oxford have tortoises - it is one of many Oxford quirks that you will come to love!

Tortilla will sometimes make appearances at welfare teas, and during the summer months you will likely see him out in Grove Quad, munching on some grass or racing around in preparation for

Trinity Term's tortoise race. This is a yearly tradition held at Corpus Christi, where all the college tortoises battle it out to be crowned 'the fastest tortoise in Oxford'. Tortilla won the title on his debut two years ago, but it has since been taken from him by his 'girlfriend', Aristurtle from St Peter's.





Natasha Birch

Tortilla and his girlfriend



<u>@tortilla.la.tortuga</u>

I will also be in contact soon looking for applications for **'Tortoise Assistant'** - these people will help me out with feeding and bathing Tortilla during term time, and this is a job that you would be welcome to apply for if you would like the opportunity to see Tortilla regularly! I am also more than happy to take anyone in to see him if you need a bit of tortoise welfare, or would just like to meet him!

Señor

AND THAT'S (a small taste of)

We hope you've enjoyed reading this guide and seeing what your future life at Lincoln may look like. If you have any questions whatsoever, be sure to speak with your College parents (who you will receive a letter from soon)

before you arrive - they've been through it all and will definitely have some good advice for you. Lincoln is such a great community and we can't wait to welcome you all in, see you soon!

