

Congratulations on your offer from Lincoln!

When you arrive in October, you will be joining the Lincoln MCR (Middle Common Room), the busiest, most exciting, and most tight-knit graduate community in Oxford. This handbook is a brief guide to introduce you to the MCR, who we are and what we do, and hopefully get you excited about your time here. Don't worry if you're unable to take it all

in now — all of this information will be repeated over the course of Freshers' Week and beyond, and you can always reach out to any member of the MCR Committee if you'd like to know more.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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A Message from your MCR President

My Dearest of Friends,

To those of you who have just joined us, the warmest of welcomes to Lincoln College. For neigh 600-years Lincoln has been on a grand and miraculous journey through the swift rolling seasons, its students changing and being changed by the world around them. You are now a part of that adventure. Throughout the next year you will be challenged academically, you will be pushed emotionally, but most hopefully, you will find yourself satisfied thoroughly. The MCR will be here for you every step of the way—Lincoln is your home, after all.

I urge you take the time to get lost among all that Oxford, and Lincoln, has to offer. Within the MCR you will find a home away from home; a place to sit and enjoy the company of fellow Lincolnites; an escape to retire to after a long night out with friends; a hub of activity and opportunity in the center of Oxford. In addition to the seemingly endless list of College and University events happening around you, the MCR is proud to present once more a term-card full to the brim with Wine and Cheeses, Pizza and Pints, Welfare and Social Exchanges, MCR Dinners, Pottery Nights, Cultural Highlight Nights, Lincoln Leads Events, and, as the rumors go, maybe a Karaoke Event or two!

Lincoln College Turl Street Lan Daws 1992 In addition to all of these things, you will also have the opportunity to meet some of the greatest minds of our time. Your classmates will come from all points around the globe, will study topics of all calibers, and will bring with them their own wide-ranging interests and diverse cultures to the melting pot that is our MCR. In the beginning they will be but acquaintances and colleagues—strangers in a strange place—but, by the end of your time with us, they will have become lifelong friends in a place that you will come to call home.

It is my greatest pleasure to be called as your president for the coming year, and I hope that all of you, new and returning, will find the Lincoln College MCR the same welcoming and supportive place among Oxford's Dreaming Spires that is always was and always will be. Here's to yet another year on our grand and miraculous adventure!

Believe Me,

GW.

Meet the MCR Executive Committee



Grady Owens - President

Entering his third year at Oxford, "GW" returns to Lincoln for the second year of his DPhil in Military Studies. Assuming the role of MCR President for the next two terms, GW enters the position with previous experience as MCR Treasurer/Vice President, a term's worth of Presidential duties under his belt, and a healthy dose of MCR Committee gossip to go around. Happy to no longer be signing checks and approving reimbursements in the MCR basement, he now spends his days as a true bureaucrat: stuck in committee. Attending College committees and Governing Body convenings throughout the week, GW acts as the voice of the MCR, bringing the comments, questions, and concerns of MCR members directly to the College administration. The continued diversity of the MCR is one of GW's top priorities, and, like any heathy community, this can be accomplished by way of a wide array of Graduate activities and interactions. Mr. Owens encourages MCR members with ideas for group activities, local trips, reoccurring events, or anything that members might think is missing and/or lacking, to please contact him at his Oxford email address.

Ellen Jones - Treasurer Nice-President

Having recently finished her role as social secretary, "EA" returns to Lincoln MCR committee this year while studying her DPhil in Chemistry. EA will be assuming the role of Treasurer on this year's Lincoln College MCR Executive Committee, devoting all of her waking hours to computing numbers, writing

cheques, and signing reimbursements. As Treasurer of the MCR, EA is tasked with overseeing the responsible usage of MCR funds for the betterment of Lincoln College's graduate community. The good financial health of the MCR is one of EA's top priorities, and, like any heathy community, this can only be done by way of a diverse array of Graduate activities and interactions. Ms. Jones encourages MCR members with ideas for group activities, local trips, reoccurring events, or anything that members might think is missing and/or lacking, to please contact her at her Oxford email address. She looks forward to working with all the new faces entering Lincoln and the old friends coming back to us to further expand the offerings of the MCR for the 2022-23 school year.

Ashley Castelino - Secretary

Approaching the end of my DPhil in medieval literature, my role as Secretary is largely dealing with behind-the-scenes admin. I run elections, organise graduate accommodation, manage the MCR Constitution, update the website, take minutes, and generally just keep the MCR ticking along as best I can. Do get in touch if you have any questions about anything to do

with the MCR or the wider College.

The Social MCR

The Lincoln MCR is definitely known across Oxford for its jam-packed social calendar, with something for everyone. There are events all week, led by our two tireless Social Secretaries as well as a team of Social Reps who will be elected in Michaelmas term (nudgenudge)...



Calypso Herrick-Doyle

Calypso is a second year DPhil in Classical Languages and Literature, but her real talent is managing event spreadsheets.

Sam Charles

Sam is a second year DPhil maths student, but don't let the stereotype scare you, he knows how to have a good time.

We are here to offer an escape from your studying, to prove that you really can have a lot of fun whilst at the best college in Oxford (we're not biased or anything). As well as this, we make sure everyone is welcome at Lincoln and that you feel are part of our warm friendly community. We host tonnes of exciting events from wine & cheese evenings, to MCR lunches and dinners, Calypso's super popular pints and pizza night, exchange dinners with other colleges, pub quizzes, our annual garden party and last but not least, the termly Emily Carr party which I hope you will come to love as much as we, that is just to mention a few.

We are always open to new concepts and ideas, last year we had one of the fresher social reps organise a hugely popular Lincoln in Love party, at Freud cocktail bar, for valentines. So, if you have any ideas, hit us up. Or if you have any social worries,





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The Academic MCR

Although graduate academic life at Oxford is usually centred on departments/faculties and not colleges, Lincoln stands out in offering a very wide range of academic events in the MCR itself, led by our two wonderful Academic Officers

Maria Branco

After completing a year as an MSt student in Modern Languages, Maria is commencing her DPhil in the same discipline.

Lilli Lentloff

Lilli is starting her second year at Lincoln

as a DPhil in Chemistry. When she isn't hiding in her lab attempting to make tiny particles, she can be found trying to drown people in the pool (to win the Waterpolo

match of course)

Maria and Lilli are assuming the roles of Academic Officers, organising an array of events designed to provide the MCR community opportunities for scholarly pursuits, including study sessions and participation in intellectually stimulating occasions such as the Lord Florey talks and Lincoln Leads.





Share your country's food, drinks, and culture at a Cultural Highlight Night!

Begin your day right with a productive writing session, complete with a breakfast buffet!

Welfare at Lincoln

The Lincoln MCR is a wonderfully diverse community and we do our best to make sure it remains a warm, safe, and welcoming space for everyone, through a number of events and initiatives led by our two amazing Welfare Officers

Yasmina Al Ghadban

My name is Yasmina, and my dog is Lylah, I am originally from Beirut, Lebanon. I am a second year DPhil student in Women's and Reproductive Health, and I work on machine learning tools to predict outcomes of gestational diabetes. Outside of that, I love being outdoors

(please join me and Lylah on our weekly

walks!) and reading (I'm very much a fiction gal fyi). I am very excited to be on the MCR welfare team, expand welfare events that speak to different members of the Lincoln community and advocate for more welfare initiatives with College

Brandon Yih

I'm entering his second year of the MPhil in Development Studies and am currently researching how refugees are integrated into Spanish society. Though born in Canada, I grew up mainly in Norway, Malaysia, China, Taiwan and France, and now call Italy home (other than Oxford of course). Since being elected as a Welfare Officer in Trinity 2023, I've been busy organizing welfare exchanges, gathering all the amazing snacks for the weekly Welfare Teas, and connecting students to the appropriate welfare support and resources across the University. As welfare officers, we run several welfare events every week such as dog walks, painting nights, informal lunches, welfare exchanges and of course, themed-welfare teas. Welfare teas are every Friday in the MCR with different themes and an abundance of good snacks. Our hope for these events is to provide you with spaces where you can relax and get to know one another, without the pressure that larger events may bring. Most importantly, we are both trained peer supporters and we are here for you! You can come speak to us confidentially about anything that is worrying you. Please reach out to us whenever you need.





In addition to our Welfare Officers, we have a number of Reps whose role is to ensure that different groups and communities are properly represented and respected. Some of these important Rep roles will also be up for election soon...

Maria Murad - Diversity Rep

Maria is 2nd year DPhil in Anthropology and just completed an MPhil in Visual, Material, and Museum Anthropology. She was MCR Welfare Officer for two years and now is taking on Diversity Representative. As the diversity rep, her

primary role is to ensure equal representation and inclusion of MCR members throughout their time at Lincoln College. She is a trained Peer Supporter of Colour and here to be a listening ear to anyone who needs it.

Peter-Rory Hall - LGBTQ+ Rep

Peter-Rory is a first-year Skaggs-Oxford scholar pursuing a DPhil in Biophysics & Nanoscience. As a representative for LGBTQ+ students and their allies in the MCR, Peter-Rory is dedicated to an inclusive environment. He is passionate about raising

awareness of healthy relationships and preventing abuse. Your sense of belonging is paramount, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance, want to chat, or have any ideas to share!



Disabilities Rep

The Disabilities Rep represents disabled students within the MCR, ensuring accessibility of MCR events, communications, and initiatives, and is a point of contact for information about disability support within the

MCR, College and University. This position will be up for election in Michaelmas 2023.

For information about accessibility at Lincoln, including links to an access guide of Lincoln buildings, see https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/student-life/accessibility.

Environment Rep

Lincoln and the MCR are committed to sustainability, through a number of initiatives led by the Environment Rep. This position will also be up for elections in Michaelmas 2023.



For information about some of the College and the MCR's sustainability initiatives, see https://lincolnmcr.weebly.com/environment.html.

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Peer Supporters

Peer-supporters are your fellow Lincolnites who are here for you and specially trained to talk about anything that is bothering you. Their experiences of the same very specific student context allows for support with an "insider understanding" and makes it accessible within the day-to-day structure of university life. It's confidential, judgment free and relaxed, so please feel free to get in touch with any of our peer supporters below.



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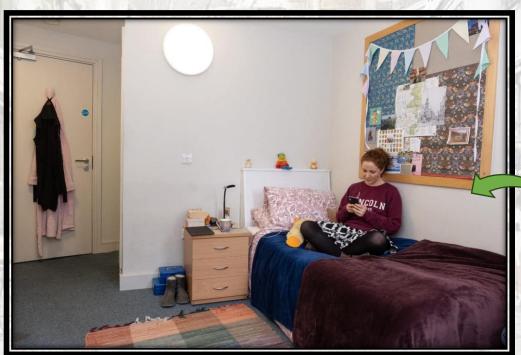


Accommodation

Lincoln has 3 main accommodation sites for graduate students: Bear Lane (~3 minutes from main college site), the EPA Centre on Museum Road (~10 minutes), and Little Clarendon Street (LCS, ~12 minutes).

Each site has its own vibe and community, and each will have some members of the MCR Committee living there next year, so if you would like to know more about any of them, do get in touch with one of us and we will be more than happy to help.

If you have any general questions about the provision of accommodation, feel free to email the MCR Secretary (Ashley) at lincolnmcrsec@lincoln.ox.ac.uk.



EPA Centre



Lincoln Lingo

Michaelmas

first term

Hilary

second term

Trinity

third term

Bod Card

Your (Bodleian) student card that you must collect from Carmella when you arrive – you will need it for all meals and to get into most libraries, so try not to lose it!

Freshers' Week

0 Week, before the start of Michaelmas. It is largely a week of social activity with many many events planned by the MCR for you to meet your fellow graduate freshers.

Matriculation

the ceremony at the end of your first term that officially initiates you into Oxford!

Sub Fusc

Your formal wear at matriculation and graduation, including gown and mortar-board

Hall

The College dining hall

Buttery

The room next to hall where breakfast, lunch, and First Hall are served

First/Informal Hall

First sitting of dinner, served in the Buttery, every night except Saturdays

Second/Formal Hall

Second sitting of dinner, a seated three-course meal – gown must be worn!

Great Hall

A more posh formal hall every 2nd Thursday, complete with a cheese board and port!

Deepers

Our College bar, run by Simon

Battels

The bills you pay to College for accommodation, food, etc.

Porters

The lovely staff who man the Lodge

Pidges

Pigeon-holes in the Lodge where post is delivered

Scouts

Cleaners who clean your rooms and different parts of College

The Imp

Our College mascot

Quads

The grassy squares surrounded by buildings that make up the College. Lincoln has 3: Chapel, Front & Grove

Rector

The head of Lincoln College, Professor Henry Woudhuysen

Vac

Short for "Vacation", the breaks in between terms

Emily Carr party

The highlight of each term, a big house party at the Emily Carr House in Bear Lane the Saturday before 1st week

MCR dinners

Fortnightly MCR dinners, which offer a sumptuous three-course feast provided by Chef

MCR exchange dinners

Oxford has a fine tradition of cultural exchange between its colleges, and Lincoln is at the forefront of that group – we invite another college to come and dine at Lincoln, and in return we go to them and sample life and food at their college.

Join our Community!

The information in this handbook is just the beginning. You can find out more about the MCR on our website

(https://lincolnmcr.weebly.com/), which includes the great MCR Constitution if you wish to read it for some strange reason.

For wider College matters, you can also check out the very comprehensive Lincoln website (https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/).

Follow us on Instagram @lincolnmcr and join the "Lincoln College MCR 2023-24" Facebook group.

And if you'd like to get involved more, do consider joining the MCR Committee – keep your ears open for more info on open positions and how to run...

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in October!

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