



Lincoln College

University of Oxford

Programme of Events for Graduate Freshers

Michaelmas Term 2023

Welcome to Lincoln College!

Please read this document in full and keep a copy handy as it's going to be a busy week. Your faculty and labs will most likely have induction lectures and activities for you to attend. We have tried to schedule things in college not to clash with these but don't worry if you cannot attend everything — indeed, it is probably advisable to make sure you do fit in some time for just yourself in what is can sometimes be an overwhelming week of new faces and spaces.

The most important events for new students are outlined below.

Key events for the week

Attendance at these events is crucial for new students and they have been underlined in the timetable.

Registration

The University has introduced an online registration service at http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/registration_self_service/ which you should complete before coming to Oxford. Once you have found your accommodation and settled in, you need to complete your separate College registration. Come to the College Office (the first floor of Staircase 4, in Front Quad) to complete your registration and to collect your University card from the Graduate Officer, Carmella Elan-Gaston. **YOU MUST DO THIS BEFORE THE END OF 0TH WEEK.** You can come any weekday (Monday – Friday) in -1st and 0th Week between 2pm and 4.30pm. If you are not a UK or Irish citizen, please make sure you have uploaded your visa documentation to the [visa portal](#) before attending registration.

Inductions

There are four important induction meetings in Freshers week.

- **The MCR Induction** is on Monday evening. This is where you will meet the MCR committee and find out about graduate student life at Lincoln. You are split into smaller groups by surname for this – read on for details.
- **A Workshop on Respecting Others** is on Tuesday afternoon and one on **Managing Relationships** on Wednesday afternoon. These are important interactive workshops organised by the college office.
- **The College Orientation** is on Friday afternoon. Here you will meet many friendly faces from around college and pick up lots of key information.

Freshers' Dinner

A fancy dinner in hall with your college advisors and fellow Freshers is perhaps the highlight of Freshers' Week. Make sure you have signed up for this when you register with Carmella, and read on for dress code/timings.

Freshers Week 2023

Sunday 1st October

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| 2pm - 2:30pm | Guided Tour around Lincoln College. Starting from the Lodge. Enjoy a tour around our lovely College. |
| 4pm - 5pm | Accommodation Teas. A chance to meet your graduate neighbours over tea and cake. Your teas are at different locations according to where you live:
Students living in EPA and Museum Road: Lady Abraham Common Room (ground floor, EPA centre)
Students living in Bear Lane: Bear Lane benches (if raining, TV Room across from laundry room)
Students living in LCS: 3rd floor kitchen
Students not living in Lincoln accommodation: your tea will be in the MCR! |
| 7:00pm + | Meet and Greet in the Oakeshott Room. Drinks and nibbles upstairs in the Oakeshott Room above the MCR – your first chance to meet and chat with fellow graduates! |

Monday 2nd October

2pm - 4:30pm	<u>Registration with the Graduate Officer, College Office (Staircase 4).</u> For newly arrived Graduates who have not already registered.
3pm - 3:30pm	Guided Tour around Lincoln College. Starting from the Lodge. Enjoy a tour around our lovely College.
6pm - 8pm	<u>MCR Freshers Inductions in the Oakeshott Room.</u> On the first official night of Freshers' Week, your MCR Committee will welcome you to Lincoln and give you important information about the week itself and your time at Lincoln generally. You are divided into two groups by surname:
6pm - 7pm	Group 1) A-L
7pm - 8pm	Group 2) M-Z
9pm +	Pub Quiz in Deep Hall. Our College bar, which is located directly below the hall, hosts the always popular Freshers Pub Quiz. Join the Social Team and our friendly college barman Simon to test your knowledge and lead your team to victory. A great way to get to meet (and beat) your fellow Freshers.

Tuesday 3rd October

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| 1pm - 2:30pm | <u>Respecting Others Workshop in the Oakeshott Room.</u> A college-organised interactive workshop on respecting others within Lincoln and the Oxford community. |
| 2:30pm - 4:30pm | <u>Registration with the Graduate Officer, College Office (Staircase 4).</u> For newly arrived Graduates who have not already registered. |
| 3pm - 3:30pm | Guided Tour around Lincoln College. Starting from the Lodge. Enjoy a tour around College followed by tea served in the MCR. |
| 5pm - 6pm | Meet your Peer Supporters in the MCR. Peer-supporters are your fellow Lincolnites who are here for you and specially trained to talk about anything that is bothering you. This will be an opportunity to meet them and chat over snacks, so you always know who to reach out to. |
| 6pm - 7pm | Chapel History. Join Dr Mark Kirby in the Chapel to learn about one of the most beautiful and historical buildings in college. |
| 6pm - 8pm | Diversity Painting Night in the MCR. Enjoy a fancy cheese board and some Bob Ross painting with your Diversity Representative. This event is open to any students who identify with a diverse or minority background. |
| 8pm + | TuesGay's drinks in the MCR. Come for vibrant pre-drinks before TuesGay's at the club Plush, celebrating the Oxford LGBTQ+ community. Featuring a show by Lincoln College's drag king, Danny Issues. Everyone is welcome. |

Wednesday 4th October

- 2pm - 4:30pm **Registration with the Graduate Officer, College Office (Staircase 4).** For newly arrived Graduates who have not already registered.
- 3pm - 4pm **Managing Relationships Workshop in the Oakeshott Room.** A college-organised interactive workshop on managing relationships within Lincoln and the Oxford community.
- 4pm - 5pm **Guided Tour around Lincoln College.** Starting from the Lodge. Enjoy a tour around College followed by tea served in the MCR.
- 6:30pm - 8pm **KES@Northgate Drop-In.** An optional drop-in at the KES Medical Practice at the Northgate Health Centre on 15 Market Street. Meet the College GP (Doctor) to chat about any health conditions or concerns, have your blood pressure checked, or get immunisations up to date.
- 8pm + **Oktoberfest in the MCR & Lower Lecture Room.** Join us for an evening of pints and pretzels. Lederhosen optional but encouraged! Bring your beer pong A game for some fun challenges, amongst other team games. (If beer is not your thing, other alcoholic and non alcoholic options will be provided).

Thursday 5th October

- 10am - 11am **OUSU Freshers' Fair, University Parks.** The Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) organises a fair to introduce all new students to the societies and sports clubs within the University. This is Lincoln MCR's allocated timeslot, but there is a designated quiet hour on Wednesday 9-10am, ideal for those who find larger crowds overwhelming or those who use mobility aids.
- 2pm - 4:30pm **Registration with the Graduate Officer, College Office (Staircase 4).** For newly arrived Graduates who have not already registered.
- 3pm - 3:30pm **Guided Tour around Lincoln College.** Starting from the Lodge. Enjoy a tour around our lovely College.
- 4pm - 5pm **International Tea in the MCR.** A welcome tea for students who come to us from overseas. This is a great way to meet fellow international students as you settle into life in the UK!
- 6:30pm+ **Graduate Freshers' Dinner.** Make sure you have signed up for this with Carmella. Enjoy a glorious (and free!) three-course meal with your College Advisor and other Lincolnites with the same academic background. The dress code is jacket & tie, smart attire or cocktail dresses; academic gowns are not required.
- Pre-dinner drinks in Front Quad (weather permitting) start at 6:30pm and Freshers are asked to take their seats in Hall for 7:15pm. Look forward to a delicious dinner and speeches, followed by post-dinner drinks in the MCR.

Friday 6th October

- 2pm - 3:30pm **Graduate Freshers' College Orientation in the Oakeshott Room.** An introduction to the college and some of its senior leadership team. Please be prompt as you will hear from the Senior Tutor, Academic Registrar, Student Support Advisor, Graduate Officer, Chaplain, Domestic Operations Manager, Lodge Manager, IT Manager, Junior Deans, Wardens, and Harassment Advisors.
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm **Registration with the Graduate Officer, College Office (Staircase 4).** For newly arrived Graduates who have not already registered.
- 6pm + **Lincoln Links Dinner.** Dinner in small groups with returning members of the MCR. Many kind-hearted Lincolnites have offered to take incoming Freshers under their wing. Enjoy the guidance of your "Link" with other Freshers over a nice meal at their favourite restaurant or pub. Look out for their email early in the week to organise a venue. Please make sure you bring £15 - £20 as their wallets may not be as large as their hearts!
- 8pm + **Games Night in the MCR**
Conquer Catan, dominate the game of life, explore Carcassonne, bamboozle in Bananagrams or double-cross your fellow players in Betrayal at House on the Hill: Games Night has something for everyone. We will provide the games, some light refreshments and adjudicate on any disagreements.

Saturday 7th October

- 11am - 5pm **MCR/JCR/LCBC Rowing Taster session and BBQ at Lincoln Boat House on the River Isis.** Drop in at any time to try out Oxford's most famous sport. There will be a Lincoln College Boat Club (LCBC) Graduate representative waiting at the Lodge at 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm and 3:30pm to meet anybody who fancies a guided walk down to the boat house. Please wear moderately sporty clothing and bring a bottle of water. Rowing at Oxford is like nothing else on this planet, and all Freshers are encouraged to try it. A sizzling BBQ will be waiting for you on the boat house roof before and after.
- 7:30pm-midnight **Emily Carr Party.** Freshers' Week is rounded off by our famous once-per-term Emily Carr party in Bear Lane. Costumes are encouraged and the theme is **Barbenheimer**. If you've been living under a rock and managed to miss this cultural phenomenon, the basics are to dress up as something related to either Barbie or Oppenheimer... or why not try both? The more creative the better. Attendance may result in getting nothing done the following day.

Sunday 8th October

- 2pm – 3pm **Welfare Tea in the MCR.** Recover from the fun of the night before with a large snack spread, infused waters, face masks, and of course tea in the MCR.
- 6pm – 7pm **Choral Evensong in the College Chapel.** A service to mark the beginning of the academic year followed by drinks in the Beckington Room. All members of the College are welcome.
- 7:30pm – 8:15pm **Formal Dinner in Hall.** Sunday of 1st Week is the first official day of term and the official start of formal dinners. In order to attend this (and all **formal** dinners in Hall), you must book your place online at <https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/current-students/current-students-meals>. You are required to wear your academic gown.

MATRICULATION

The 2023 Matriculation Ceremony will take place in the Sheldonian Theatre on Broad Street on Saturday the 14th of October.

It is *absolutely imperative* that all Graduate Freshers, including Foreign Service Programme and PGCE students, attend this ceremony. The exceptions are certain visiting students, and students who have attended Oxford before and who have already matriculated. If you are uncertain about whether you should attend, please come to the College Office and ask.

If you do not attend this ceremony, you will not be permitted to reside as a student of the University and thereby study for your degree, or enjoy any of the privileges or benefits afforded by the University.

It is essential that you wear academic dress (i.e. *sub fusc* clothing under mortar board and gown). You need to wear (1) dark suit with dark socks, or dark skirt with black tights or stockings, or dark trousers with dark socks (2) Black shoes, (3) Plain white collared shirt or blouse, (4) white bow tie, or black bow tie, or black full-length tie, or black ribbon. For matriculation, sub fusc is completed by your gown and a mortarboard (which you only wear at graduation, but ought to carry it during matriculation).

CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT DRESSED IN THE PROPER MANNER WILL BE TURNED AWAY BY THE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS.

A full schedule will be communicated to you soon.