# Lincoln College



# **Housing Package for Returners**

Compiled for the 2019-2020 Academic year

\*please note that residence offerings may change in subsequent years

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# **Room and Residence Descriptions**

# **Bear Lane and Emily Carr House**

While the Mitre undergoes refurbishment, Bear Lane can only offer a limited amount of D grade rooms, and the rooms available in the Emily Carr House, the venue for the termly Emily Carr graduate party. The entire residence complex is referred to as Bear Lane, while Emily Carr house is a stand alone house located within the Bear Lane complex adjacent to the central courtyard of the complex. Please note that the Bear Lane residence will primarily be occupied by undergraduate students.

The rooms in Bear Lane can vary, though all rooms available this year are D grade rooms, and thus of a similar quality. Most rooms include a sink within the room, and the bathrooms and kitchen are shared with those living in the same staircase. There is a communal laundry facility beneath staircase 20. All rooms come with a standard single bed, desk, chair and shelving. Bear Lane is the closest residence available to the main college site, and is ideal for those who want to access MCR events, the dining hall, or any other college amenities quickly and conveniently.

The Emily Carr House is a house of 4 bedrooms, with residents sharing a kitchen, and 2 bathrooms, both of which have a shower. Noise is moderate, as you may be able to get noise from the High Street, and the Bear Lane courtyard. Please note that the Emily Carr party will take place within the residence. This house is ideal for those who want to benefit from close proximity to college, but would like to live in a stand-alone house rather than a traditional student residence.

Bear Lane is in a central location just below the High Street and is thus close to college as well as the Westgate Shopping centre, Covered Market, and Examination Schools. Below are sample photos of rooms in the Emily Carr house and the courtyard of Bear Lane. Please note these photos are for reference, and additional materials like bedding are not included.



Bear Lane courtyard





Emily Carr house sample photos

### **Carfax Quarter**

Lincoln had renewed its lease on Carfax Quarter for the 2019-2020 academic year. A sample floorplan can be found below, please note that the actual building is shared with other students (though our flats are only occupied by Lincoln students) and thus Lincoln's portion of the building has been highlighted. It is important to note that Carfax operates with a 51 week lease rather than the 36 week lease of other residences. Therefore, students living in Carfax do not need to apply to vacation residence if intending to stay for the summer, but students leaving Oxford after Trinity 2020 should consider the length of the lease they sign. Carfax is located in central Oxford, with only a brief walk to Westgate shopping centre and city sites.

The building is a new addition to Oxford, and benefits from renovated kitchens and shared amenity spaces for the residents such as a movie room, and a study room in the basement. The rooms are very uniform, and each has a 3/4 double bed, desk, chair and ensuite bathroom. There are 2 washers and 2 dryers for laundry located in the basement.

Flats are either 5 or 7 residences, but the rooms in flats of 5 may be larger and are A grade. Rooms of B and C grade are on lower floors and receive slightly more noise from the street, though rooms

facing Queen Street receive more noise generally. The floorplans between rooms are fairly uniform and therefore noise and amount of natural light are the primary differences between rooms of different grades, all rooms themselves are the same quality. There are also a handful of wheelchair accessible rooms (rooms B1, D1 and F1) and thus have a large bathroom but the sink and mirror will be positioned lower to accommodate a student with accessibility needs, and the layout of the room will be slightly different from others on the floor. Residents share a kitchen with their flatmates, and each kitchen has 2 full ovens, and 2 fridges. Carfax is ideal for students who would like to live in the city centre and close to college, and prefer having a newer residence building will various amenities. Please find a sample floorplan and mock up image of a room below.





Floor plan of Clusters A and B

### **EPA**

The EPA centre is slightly further from college, and many science students are encouraged to live here because it is closer to most science departments though students studying any subject may live here. Being situated further from the city centre also means less noise from the street.

Rooms are fairly uniform, and all available are an A grade. Each room has an ensuite, and each flat has a shared kitchen and common area with dining table and sitting area. Many rooms receive a good amount of natural light, but this will vary as some windows are frosted. Flats are normally shared between approximately 3 people, so each resident has slightly more communal space than in Carfax. Many flats also have a shared balcony area with seating. There is also a communal laundry facility, large shared common area with a pool table, event space, and lecture room on the ground floor. Please note that in previous years EPA has been shared with graduates and 4th year undergraduates.

This residence is ideal for those who prefer sharing common spaces with a smaller number of people. There is also a porters lodge that is staffed 24 hours a day.

Sample photos can be found below but please note that bedding is not included in EPA, nor is it included in any other residence.



Communal living space



Sample bedroom



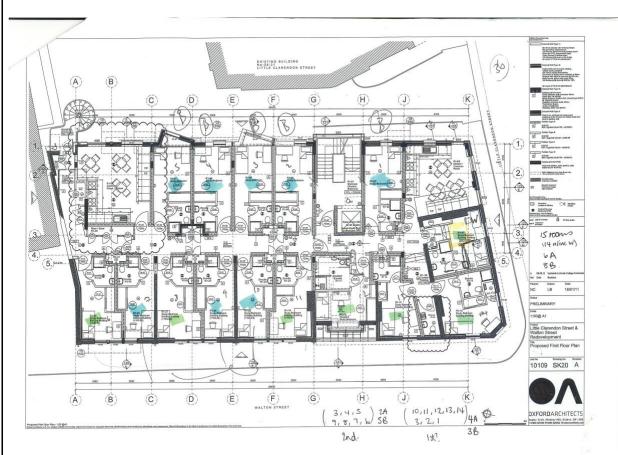
Sample Bathroom

## Little Clarendon

Little Clarendon is also slightly further from college, but is nearby the Radcliffe Quarter and closer to the neighbourhood of Jericho, and therefore has great access to nice restaurants, pubs, bars, and other shops. The residence is located even directly above the Oxford Wine Cafe and small supermarkets. Rooms facing Walton Street receive more natural light, but also more noise from the street.

Many rooms benefit from large windows and an ensuite bathroom. The floorplan can be found below, and rooms are uniform in layout and size, all including a single bed, desk and bookshelves. Noise level and natural light are the primary difference between rooms and rooms of a higher grade generally receive more natural light. Kitchens are shared with a larger number of students, and have two full ovens, a several tables to accommodate. There is a laundry room with 2 washers and 2 dryers on the 3rd (top) floor, which did not often require waiting, a shared balcony on the top floor, and a lift.

This residence is ideal for those who want to live in a livelier area with access to many restaurants and pubs, but do not mind being further away from college or the noise that comes with the area.



Little Clarendon floorplan

# **Divinity Road**

This year Lincoln regains a small house located on Divinity Road. Shared between 4 people, the house is by far the furthest accommodation from college, and located in East Oxford by Cowley, therefore residents may want to consider a bike or bus pass. The house has recently undergone renovations and all furniture is new for this academic year. 3 rooms have a double bed, with one room having a single bed, and all rooms include a desk, and some shelving. The kitchen has also undergone renovations and is shared amongst the residents with an addition living space, dining area and there is a communal bathroom.

This residence may be ideal for those preferring to live in a house on a residential street (most houses on Divinity road are occupied by Oxford Brookes students) and do not mind a longer commute into the city centre and to college. The house is also the closest college residence to the John Radcliffe Hospital. Please use the photos below to gauge size but please note that these photos were taken for reference and during construction, therefore the final residence will appear slightly differently.





Kitchen



Room 1

Living Area



Shared bathroom

# **Room Rates**

The daily accommodation charges for the 2019-2020 academic year are as follows:

Grade A	£26.50
Grade B	£25.20
Grade C	£22.90
Grade D	£20.40

# **Housing Ballot**

### When is the ballot?

The housing ballot is organised by the MCR Secretary and will take place towards the end of Trinity term, typically during a weekend of 5th or 6th week.

Once a date for the ballot has been set, a schedule will be circulated listing the times each student will make their selection. The ballot will most likely take place in the lower lecture room, and students are expected to arrive on time to make their selection to the secretary during their designated time slot. Students who do not arrive on time will forfeit their higher place in the ballot and will make their selection once they arrive (e.g. arriving 30 minutes late could be the difference between being 10th in the ballot to 30th).

### What is the order of the students who balloted?

The order of precedence for the housing ballot is as follows:

- 1. MCR Executive Committee
- 2. MCR Social Secretaries
- 3. MCR Welfare Representatives
- 4. Senior Scholars
- 5. Those who have never lived in Lincoln accommodation
- 6. Those who have lived in Lincoln accommodation for 1 year
- 7. Those who have lived in Lincoln accommodation for 2 years
- 8. Those who have lived in Lincoln accommodation for 3 years
- 9. etc.

All students who have entered the ballot and are not a member of the MCR committee or awarded a Senior Scholarship are randomly ranked within their designated band (e.g. amongst the other students who have lived in Lincoln accommodation for the same number of years as themselves). Students also had the right to ballot with a group of friends to ensure they could select housing as a group. In the case of students balloting together but occupying different bands in the ballot, students were placed in a group in the band of the lowest ranked student of their group (e.g. 3 friends occupying bands 4, 5, and 7 will have been put together in band 7). The list of students as they have been ranked will be circulated to the MCR well in advance of the housing ballot.

### What rooms are available for returners?

A list of available rooms and their grade band will have also been distributed ahead of time so students may consider where they would like to live. It is advisable to have a second and third back up choice. The list of rooms will also be placed on a public google document on the day of the ballot and the secretary will cross out rooms as they have been taken so you may follow along and see what rooms are still available before you arrive to ballot. Please be informed in

your selection and not return to change your room on the day, as the secretary will have crossed out your initial room and thus it is inconsiderate to your fellow students who will not have a clear idea of what rooms are taken and may have adjusted their plans already. Any issues after the ballot are to be directed to Lucy Tarrant in the domestic office.
What if I cannot attend the ballot at my time slot?
If you are not able to make your designated time, you can send a proxy to make your selection on your behalf but you must email the secretary ahead of time to inform them that someone is being sent to the ballot on your behalf. Please do not call or email the secretary on the day of the ballot if you cannot make your spot, they are unlikely to be able to answer promptly and award you your desired room. You must make arrangements ahead of time if you will be absent on the day of the ballot.
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# **Contact Details**

# Accommodation Manager

Lucy Tarrant lucy.tarrant@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

Please contact Lucy for all matters relating to student or Fellows accommodation, including vacation residence and issues with rooms or furnishings. Lucy also deputises when the Domestic Operations Manager is out of College.

Any issues, room changes, or questions after the ballot should be directed to Lucy. Please inform Lucy ASAP if you intend to drop out of the ballot after you have selected a room. Late drop outs can forfeit your college deposit, and if not done in a timely manner, may mean another student cannot occupy your chosen room for the next year. Please consider your fellow students if you intend to drop out of the ballot because dropping out after the deadline may deny housing to another graduate student.

# MCR Secretary

lincolnmcrsec@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

Please contact the MCR Secretary with any queries pertaining to the actual ballot, or to inform them if a proxy is being sent to ballot on your behalf. After the ballot is conducted, questions should be directed to the domestic office at Lincoln.

### Accounts assistant (fees and battels)

Claire Riseley claire.riseley@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

Claire will distribute your fees and battels according to your room rent at a later date, please contact Claire with any issues to arise with battels or fee payment.

# Graduate officer

Carmella Elan-Gaston carmella.elan-gaston@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

Contact Carmella with any questions pertaining to general graduate concerns at Lincoln, including the Graduate Research Fund, the Senior Scholarships, etc.

# **Housing Map for Returners**

Legend with estimated walking distance to college

- Lincoln College Main Site
- Carfax Quarter 1-3 min walk to college
- Bear Lane and Emily Carr House 1 min walk to college
- EPA 10 min walk to college
- Little Clarendon 12-15 min walk to college
- Divinity Road 25-30 min walk to college

