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### Hello and welcome to Lincoln College!

We have put together this alternative prospectus written by current students at Lincoln to give you a real insight into what student life is like here, which is so important when considering where to study.

There are lots and lots of things that we think make Lincoln unique and such a fantastic place: one of the main being the incredible sense of community we have here – friendships often span across different year groups, and you will rarely walk through College without bumping into a friend and stopping for a chat!

Lincoln is known as being 'small and friendly' which is definitely true: despite its small physical size, Lincoln has a large impact in terms of the whole university, with lots of successful sports teams and societies that you can get involved in. We also have (objectively) the most beautiful library in Oxford – a converted church which is an excellent place to work, and a large underground college bar which is a perfect place to relax after a day of work!

Stephanie Stankard
- JCR Access and Outreach rep



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liked the size of Lincoln as well as the fact it seemed friendly and down to earth which is all true! Lastly Lincoln's location (right in the centre of Oxford) is not to be overlooked, it makes a big difference to university life.

- Harrah Edwards

Lincoln stood out to me for three reasons: the library (obviously! As a history student a good library is essential); the central location, which means I can walk pretty much everywhere I need to within about fifteen minutes; and the small size, since it's nice to know everyone and feel like you're at home rather than intimidated by the

- Thomas Britton

The main thing for me was the size of Lincoln: since the College only takes in about 90 undergraduates per year, it felt a lot less daunting than the bigger colleges. Plus, it makes it a lot easier to know everyone in your year and gives it much more of a community feel (as cheesy as that is).

- Scott Scoular

Lincoln seemed like the perfect college for me when applying - small, friendly, central, en-suite rooms for all first years and this has absolutely been

proven right, I'm loving it here!

- Tara Williams

Lincoln is a small college, but because of that you get to know pretty much all of the people in your year. Not only that, but everyone's really friendly, so you feel like there's always someone you know that you can talk to and hang out with.

- Amelia Kopacz



Lincoln really is the best college without a doubt! From the massive range of societies, to the en-suite accommodation and the amazing sense of community, Lincoln really did tick every box for me when I was applying. The tutors here are also incredibly welcoming and friendly which makes settling in that bit easier! We really are a dden gem and I couldn't recommend it any more!

- Steph Stankard

Of course, the guaranteed ensuites for first year! Joking aside, Lincoln accommodation is excellent, and all first years live either in main College or just across the street, so it's really nice to stay close to your cohort. Also, our library really is the best of all the oxford colleges - it's a really motivating study space.

- Elizabeth Smith





## THE TWIOT Common Room

The JCR is located in Chapel Quad and is always open and available to students, offering toast, sofas, and a television with a sizeable DVD collection.

The room is looked after by the students and welcomes people for morning coffees, take-away meals or cheesy chips, and weekly welfare teas where free food is supplied by the JCR Welfare Officers.

The JCR also has regular meetings and serves as the hub for student politics at Lincoln. These are relaxed, fun, and informal.

Students get together over pizza to discuss how to spend the JCR budget, discuss policy motions which are brought forward by students on a range of issues, and to elect student representatives.

'The JCR' is also the undergraduate student body at Lincoln, and the elected representatives form a committee who provide leadership and take responsibility for representing the views of the students. Beyond representation, they also provide entertainment, social events, and welfare provision so everyone can have as good a time at Lincoln as possible.

JCR representatives are drawn from the student body (they could be you!) and represent the students to the College, University, and other organisations.

Welfare is a big part of the JCR, and we have a team of elected Welfare Officers to champion student welfare, as well as peer supporters and liberation reps to champion underrepresented communities within the JCR.

The JCR is a big part of making Lincoln as friendly as possible, and provides ways for people to get involved in different roles which range from a very small commitment that still has a big impact through to larger commitment roles on the executive committee.



Jamie Butler
JCR PRESIDENT 2021-2022



## ACCOMMODATION at Lincoln



In first year, all students live on Turl
Street either in College or across from
the College in Staircase 15/Lincoln
House. It's a lovely street right in the
heart of Oxford and it's really close to
the High Street, lots of shops and the
Covered Market which is a great place
to grab something to eat.

All the rooms are super nice and have

All the rooms are super nice and have features that give them character. You pay the same price for your accommodation and the nice thing is that even if you get a slightly smaller room in first year, you're more likely to get a bigger room in second year because of the way our ballot system is organised.

Second year students live in the newly-refurbished Mitre, which is also on Turl Street, right opposite Lincoln Library.

Third year students live in houses on Museum Road which is a great way for the whole cohort to live together.

These rooms have kitchens which is a big bonus. Again, it's central accommodation and only a short trip away from lots of libraries, green spaces and shops.

Accommodation is provided for all three or four years of your undergraduate degree and most of the rooms have ensuites, which is a big perk of Lincoln accommodation that not all colleges offer.

- Ima Silva















### Day in the life of a TUDENT

8:15 - Go to Lincoln Library. It is

always super quiet in the morning

so its really easy to find a good

seat! Will either write an essay

(probably due later that day...)

or work my way through my

8:45 - Leave my room for lectures usually. We

have 9am lectures every day, but College is only

a 10 minute walk from the physics building.

reading list for that week.

7:15 - (On a good day) wake up and go on my phone for 15 minutes.

> **7:30** – Get up and eat breakfast in my room (would highly recommend getting a fridge for snacks/milk if you eat an unreasonable amount of cereal like me).

It is hard to write a day in the life for a physics student, as it changes so much from day to day. My workload varies between lectureheavy days, chill days and lab days, and there is so much aoina on socially that you never know what's going to come your way!



8:00 - This is when my alarm goes off. I'm not the biggest fan of an English breakfast, so I skip Hall for breakfast and have some tea and porridge in my room

while watching Netflix. We

don't have access to kitchens

infortunately, but you can work wonders with a kettle!

9:00 - Attend lectures, go back to College once they're over and head over to the library to work on my problem sets. I have labs from 10-5pm on Fridays; I would say they're the toughest day of the week

> 12:30 - Lunch time! I'll eat in Hall if I like what they're serving, if not, the College bar (Deepers) offers baguettes, burgers, or salads. After lunch I'll hang out with friends, for about half an hour, as a mid day break

12:35 - Lunch! Since Lincoln is so central there are a ton of different options: the Covered Market (literally 30 seconds from Lincoln's front door) has lots of places for sandwiches, Thai or pasta and there's a

really good café at the top of Turl Street (Italiamo) that does calzones! If I'm in College and not in a rush, I'll usually go to Hall (cheaper then pretty much anywhere in Oxford and is usually very good) or our college bar (Deepers) for a sandwich or salad box.

13:00 - Go to the Law Library to do some more reading. Most of the libraries are packed at this time, but the Law Library is massive and has tons of nice study spots. It's a bit further out, but still only a ten-minute walk! Plus, it is right next to the university parks and has a café, so you can get a hot chocolate and go for a short walk as a study break.

17:00 - Walk back to Lincoln and maybe get a snack if I'm feeling hungry. Dinner in Hall is at 18:00 (informal) or 19:00 (formal, where you wear gowns and get an extra course). If I have swimming though, I usually don't go. I will then try and do a little bit more work, but probably end up lying on my bed.

20:15 - Bike back, usually a lot slower than the way there because everything will ache. I train with the Seconds (four sessions a week) but if you are feeling up for it there's also the First team (eight sessions a week). At the moment we're training for our annual match against Cambridge, Varsity!

20:30 – Get dinner. Market Street has lots of good options for dinner (Itsu, Wasabi, Tortilla etc.) but if I'm feeling sorry for myself, I'll order Wagamamas. It is 100 meters from College and open until 10:00, so ordering for pickup is really easy.



23:00 -Ideally when would go to bed.

00:00

This is

when I

sleep if I'm

staying in.

21:00 – Do some more work in Lincoln Library. When I don't have training, I'll go to the library right after dinner and usually stay there for four ish hours. Depending on how much stuff I have due the next day I might stay longer (library closes at 2 am but have only had to stay that long once (so far)).

of terrified to bike in Oxford, but its actually pretty easy! College has a bike locker under Lincoln House (opposite the main College site) and the High Street is a bus lane 24/7 so is usually quiet. Iffley Road Sports Centre (where the pool is) is only about a five-minute cycle (20-minute walk)

19:00 – Bike to swimming. I was kind

16:30 - Productivity slips around this time so I'll usually head over to Buzz gym, a 10 min walk from College. While physics is certainly busy, you will have time for your hobbies if you organise yourself well and stick to your schedule.

13:00 - I'll usually have a tutorial somewhere around this time, which is an hour of going over our problem sets with a tutor and one of my peers. I'll be in the library the rest of the time working on a problem set or

20:00 - After this, it's usually a combination of Netflix and work in my room. Sometimes I'll call my friends and family back home to have a little chat. Occasionally I'll go out, but that starts a bit later so I will still have

some time to do work before

18:00 - Dinner starts at 18:00 usually, but if I'm going to 19:00. A formal is basically a sit-down dinner and takes around an hour, but it's nice to have a meal with friends

formal (most Wednesdays, sometimes Fridays) it'll start at after a long day.

Day in the life of a PHYSICS STUDENT (12)

preparing for labs.



## LINCOLLEGE FOOT

At university it's incredibly important to take care of yourself so that you're able to keep up with the pace at Oxford, and Lincoln is aware of the importance food plays as a part of that. Although us first years don't have kitchens ourselves, we have a very skilled team of chefs that keep Lincoln going! The College provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner most days. The Hall doesn't provide dinner on a Saturday to encourage students to get out into the city and find new places, and the JCR kitchenette is always available for student use if you're in a rush. Breakfast on Sundays is pushed back to the much-beloved Sunday brunch, a real favourite of Lincoln students. Having meals in Hall is both really convenient and it is lovely to catch up with friends at the end of the day.

Lincoln is one of the few fortunate colleges to have a formal dinner every day; they can be quite rare elsewhere! These consist of a starter, main, and dessert at a subsidised price for students (currently £6!), and it can be really lovely to dress up and enjoy yourselves. They are particularly popular for celebrating birthdays or events, but the new introduction of 'freshers formal' on a Wednesday often gets a full hall - probably because of the included drink from our college bar, Deep Hall (Deepers!). Unlike normal breakfast, lunch, and dinner, formal Hall does require an online booking. Up to 3 guests can be booked into both normal meals and formals.

As JCR 'Alternative Food Rep', and as someone with coeliac disease, a gluten allergy, food was my biggest anxiety about coming to Lincoln. However, the kitchen is most reassuringly helpful with dealing with allergies and dietary requirements. There is always a vegetarian option available, and if you are vegan, or have any other dietary requirement (including but not limited to Halal, Kosher, pescatarian, allergies, ect) all you have to do is book online in advance. You can book or cancel a booked meal up until 10am on the day, and I find it's easiest just to block-book dinner for the term and cancel if I need to. Furthermore, the kitchen staff will learn very quickly who has a dietary need and will take go out of their way to make sure you're safe (shout out to Ben!).

Having dinner in Hall makes for a lovely excuse for a natter and a catch up with friends, and the choice provided by the College tends to keep everyone happy. The fish-and-chip Friday lunch is always a hit, and there's always a choice of cake at dinner!

It's a bit of a win-win.



Incy Bull





Financial Support

Lincoln is incredibly generous with their College bursaries and financial help. I remember when I was applying to Oxford, my biggest concern was whether I would be able to afford it but I've been so lucky with the help I've received. You're automatically considered for Lincoln's bursaries when you accept your offer – you don't have to do anything or apply which is helpful as it's a busy time preparing for university without having to worry about money. There are also loads of different university-wide bursaries available! If you don't qualify for a bursary, there are other financial support funds in place if you need them. Lincoln has a book grant that you can apply for every term, which currently reimburses you for any books you've bought up to £100, and the library can purchase books on your behalf. There are also student support funds if you experience any unexpected financial difficulties during term. If you're struggling, you can always speak to your tutor or the College Student Support Advisor.

Nobody should be priced out of Oxford.

Lincoln's financial support made the world of difference to me because it proved that you can study at Oxford, no matter what background you come from.

Evic Sutcliffe



- Wellowe

There are two Welfare Officers for the JCR, who are typically second years. Their job, among other things, is to support students who need a chat, a cuppa, a cry, and to generally offer a friendly face to listen and/or offer advice. The welfare officers and peer supporters go through the same peer-support training, and will always (unless it is a matter of safety) keep things confidential. Having a chat with either a Welfare Officer or a peer supporter can be particularly beneficial as they are a member of the student body – more often than not, they can empathise with whatever the issue is, and definitely will not judge you for it!



Ellie Knock -Welfare rep

Lincoln College's Chapel is a place for all students to come and enjoy some peace and quiet in a beautiful environment. The Chapel hosts services throughout the week and the term, and the highlight of every week is our service of Choral Evensong. Organised and directed by our two student Organ Scholars, the Lincoln College Choir is an exceptional group of musicians who offer top-tier music each week from the deep Anglican choral tradition, in a setting of traditional Evening Prayer. While the Chapel sits in the traditions of the Church of England, our services are open to all, and many come simply to enjoy the beauty of the music and the chapel itself. There is also a multi-faith prayer room on site which is always open to everyone!

The College Chaplain and Student Welfare Coordinator, The Revd Dr Andy Shamel, oversees the life of the Chapel as well as offering pastoral care and welfare support to all students of the College. Andy also helps coordinate the provision of welfare workshops, like those around issues of consent and related matters. He is always available to listen, to talk through whatever is on your mind, or even just to offer a cup of tea and a biscuit if that's what you're after. He only brings up matters of faith if you do, is impossible to shock, and is generally happy to chat about whatever is on your mind.



Andy Shamel -Chaplain







great way to meet people from different years, have fun, and they also provide many

opportunities to build your skills and CV if you join a society's committee.

loved by everyone involved in them.

find something you love!

With all this and over 400 university-wide clubs and

societies, there's always something to do outside your

studies! Don't be intimidated by how much there is on offer (like I was!) - lots of societies run free events or taster sessions towards the beginning of the year and

most people try out a few things once or twice and

stick with what they like, so try as much as you can and

if you don't like something, don't worry! You might just

Lincoln College also has its own student-run charity that you can get involved

with, 'VacProj', which takes disadvantaged children from Oxfordshire on an

annual holiday. VacProj does amazing work and the week-long holidays are

Newman



Hi everyone! My name is Hannah (she/her), studying Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, and I am ½ of the revue reps here at Lincoln, the other being the wonderful Aimée, who studies French and Spanish. As revue reps, our role is to put on a musical in Michaelmas term.

The College musical is so much fun – both Aimée and I were in the 2021 JCR musical directed by the lovely Louise, which was The Legend of Troy. It was a great opportunity to make friends with people from across different year groups, different courses, to learn some brilliant music and overall, just have fun with your friends.

The musical is also super accessible to people with no background in musical theatre or acting at all – there are larger solo roles, but also roles within the chorus (that in my opinion are the most fun), so there really is a place for everybody. I highly encourage you to enquire into the JCR musical, no matter your ability!

> Here at Lincoln, there is also a newly formed Drama Society, that this term has been working on a production of All My Sons by Arthur Miller. This is also a fantastic opportunity to get stuck into some really good plays, and again, get to know other people that you otherwise wouldn't have likely net. I am also acting as director this term, and our cast are absolutely

> > It's hard work but will be so worth it in the end. There will be various plays happening at various points in the year, so if you are interested in theatre (but perhaps not the musical side of it!) I encourage you to look into this too!

Overall, there are so many creative opportunities here at Lincoln, and please do get involved!

2021 marked the 50th year of VacProj, a Lincoln-based student-run charity

decided against running residential trips, instead choosing to run a series of 6 day trips. In total, we took around 45 kids and 22 leaders.

Our leaders took on 2 days each, with different children for every day. We embarked on a range of activities – laser tag or bell-boating in the morning and after lunch, Cotswold Wildlife Park or GoApe in the afternoon. Laser tag was a resounding success, with leaders and kids getting very excited, forming teams and creating elaborate plans for success. During bell-boating, the children enjoyed pointing out the various sights placed along the river. Similarly, at Cotswold, we all enjoyed the massive play area – many of the leaders having a go on the slide as well. We took the train through the park, spotting as many animals as we could along the way. There was a large range of favourite animals from the kids, from the giant tortoise to the bats. At GoApe, a high ropes course, the zip lines were a favourite, and we were amazed at how good the kids were at the different challenges. Both leaders and kids cheered each other on, encouraging everyone to complete the course.

In our breaks, we brought out the VacProj parachute and football, and ran about more than we thought possible. On the coach rides, we played Uno, Top Trumps and drew cards for friends and family. We look forward to the 2022 trips, where we will be returning to our residential trips, running two week-long trips taking 24 kids and 36 leaders. Alongside this, to celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are running two additional day trips, as they were such a success last year.

based in Oxfordshire which works with social services to provide a week of fun activities for local children. This year, we were excited to return to in person holidays, having had our 2020 trips cancelled due to Covid-19. As a result of the uneasy situation surrounding Covid-19 in 2021, we



# ARTS AND

In addition to all the amazing clubs and societies on offer, Lincoln also has a very active arts scene: from our designated arts rep in the JCR to the Turl Street Arts Festival which is a collaborative event between Lincoln and the other Turl Street colleges (Jesus and Exeter) as well as our own college magazine the Imp - there really is something here for everyone!

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! We also hold a jazz ball in Jesus Hall every year with the most incredible music - it's the highlight of everyone's term! TSAF is a staple of the Oxford Arts Calendar, and you can't miss it!

> The Imp is Lincoln's termly satirical magazine. It includes anything from interviews and articles to poems and okes. It comes out once a term, usually after everyone's gone home in 8th week. Not only that, but writing for the Imp is a great way to procrastinate doing work!



Being an old college, Lincoln has lots of different and quirky traditions which is another thing that makes it such a unique and amazing place to study! The most famous of these is probably our rivalry with Brasenose College. This rivalry allegedly came about from historic riots between the University and the residents of Oxford: two students were fleeing an angry mob in the riots and when they arrived at Lincoln, the porters let in the Lincoln student but not the Brasenose student who was then subsequently killed by the mob (however other versions of this story do exist!).

Ever since, on Ascension Day every year, we have let in Brasenose students through a small, secret door connecting the two colleges to give them ivy flavoured beer as penance.



TRADITIONS











OOA lincolnoxfordjcr Hope you're all having a good 5th week. Here is the second of our welfare posts #lincoln #oxford #lincolncollege #lincolncollegei #lincolncollegeoxford

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lincolnoxfordjcr Meet the exec committee 2022!! More detailed posts about everyone who has been on the committee for a while can be found in our 'meet the exec' highlight and there will be new posts for all the new

Lincoln love

members coming soon!!

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#oxford #lincolncollege #lincoln #lincolncollegeoxford #lincolnjcr





OOA lincolnoxfordjer 📮 EXCITING NEWS! 📮

There is now a JCR TikTok account to share more insights into being a student at Lincoln!

We're looking for students to help contribute to this page so if you have any ideas/ want to get involved - pleas

Social Media

YUMANS OF LINCOLN



Steph Starkard

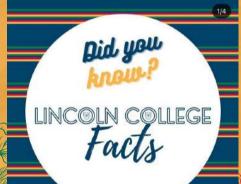
ACCESS REP

lincolnoxfordjcr Next up is me!

I'm Steph the access and outreach rep and part of my job is running the social media accounts alongside Destiny, the social backgrounds rep!

Please don't hesitate to send us a message - no question

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OOA

lincolnoxfordicr Lincoln Facts!! Here are some facts about Lincoln including alumni, trivia

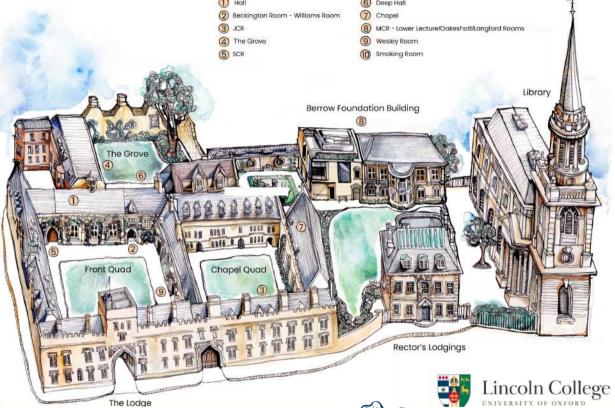
Also make sure to look at our stories today for Tasha who is doing our Tuesday takeover - be sure to ask any questions you might have about life at lincoln!!

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