LINCOLN COLLEGE JCR

freshers' GUIDE

2026 - 2027



A GUIDE TO COLLEGE AND UNI LIFE.
FOR THE STUDENTS, BY THE STUDENTS

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The Rad Cam (named after Lincolnite John Radcliffe)

A Letter from your pResident

Hello! My name is Niamh and I'm a second year studying History at Lincoln, as well as the JCR President for next year!!



Niamh

Firstly, I want to say a huge congratulations for getting your place at Oxford, the amount of time and effort dedicated to your application here and to you're a-levels is admirable, so make sure you take a well-deserved rest this summer before your journey at Oxford starts. I know the summer before you arrive at university is very daunting, I remember the anticipation, excitement as well as fear of the unknown almost drove me crazy last summer, so I am here to offer you some insight into what lies in front of you this next year, and to hopefully calm any nerves.

I will not lie; the Oxford experience is definitely a unique one. The workload, social events and general lifestyle here was something that, at first, terrified me. However, it is these unique qualities to Oxford that create the amazing atmosphere, friendships and memories you will make. Socially, there are so many amazing events, from college balls, black tie drinks with Lincoln Entz, to casual nights with your friends at Deepers (our college bar), as well some (mid-range) club nights (but social life at Oxford is really what you make it). The general lifestyle, and Oxford terminology is also something that upon my own arrival at Oxford last year, totally confused me, but again, it something you just naturally come to terms with, and begin to understand. A week at Oxford goes so quick, yet so much happens, so after 3 weeks here, I guarantee you won't be able to picture your life before it

I'm sure the incoming reading lists may seem slightly daunting, and it would be a lie to say that the workload at Oxford is not intense, however it is something you get used to. This year I have been able to stay on top of my work, maintain a good social life, participate in sports and other extracurriculars as well as downtime. Oxford life is undeniable intense, but there is so much room to work hard and play hard. At the end of the day, you chose your degree because you are passionate about it, and if there is one thing Oxford can do, it is give you room to study and explore the subject you love.



LCWFC after our 5-3 win against Downing, our sister college in Cambridge

There is so much at Lincoln and Oxford to look forward to, and genuinely something for everyone. The community at Lincoln is so friendly and welcoming, it feels like a little family within the university. Moreover, you will also be hearing soon from your college families, which are there to offer you a friendly face and support before you come to uni, and within the first weeks. This is another Oxford quirk that at first had me puzzled, but again it is one of things that keeps the community so welcoming and close-knit. There are a wide range of welfare support networks upon your arrival, including our JCR welfare officers, so feel free to reach out to your college families, welfare officers, myself or any of the welfare college staff once at Oxford

I'm sure that the world of Oxford seems a bit of an overwhelming place right now, but once you arrive, it becomes so much easier to get the hang of life here, so there is nothing to worry about! In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions, big or small, feel free to reach out to me!

(my Instagram is @niamhtylr, my phone number is 07368218101)

Kind regards,
Niamh x



Me and my friends at the famous aforementioned Black Tie Drinks



the oxford "Dictionary"

You'll notice pretty early on that there are some weird terms or unusual slang used around Oxford. Here's a list of a few to help you not be completely lost in conversation:

THE JCR — Collective name for both the body of undergrads and our physical common room found in Chapel Quad.

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!

FORMAL — A fancier dinner, with three courses served to you. Our formals begin at 7.15pm, but arrive a little early to ensure you can sit with your friends. Normal clothes are fine but wear your gown on top!

DEEPERS — An abbreviation for our college bar 'Deep Hall' - café during the day, bar at night, run by the legendary Simon.

PLODGE — An abbreviation for the Porters' Lodge, the entrance to the College.

PIGE — An abbreviation for the Pigeon Hole - the slot in the porter's lodge where mail and collection results may be delivered.

LINC LIB	An abbreviation for our lovely college library (the most beautiful across all of Oxford!)
THE BBL	An abbreviation for the Bear Lane Reading Room, another Lincoln-only study space just across the road. The abbreviation makes less sense the more you think about it.
BOD CARD	Your university student card - VERY important!
MICHAELMAS	1st term, from October to December
HILARY	2nd term, from January to March
TRINITY	3rd term, from April to June
MATRICULATION	The ceremony at the start your first year that officially initiates you into the university.
SUB FUSC	The uniform you wear for Matriculation, exams and graduation. It's typically the gown, tie/ribbon, mortar board, and dresswear
THE IMP	Both the college mascot (look out for it as you enter Deepers) and the name of our student-run satirical publication
BATTELS	The bills you pay to college at the start of every term for accommodation, food, etc.

BOP — A BIG ORGANISED PARTY (usually in Deepers), with a snazzy theme - from '*Frat bop*'' to '*Rhyme Without Reason*' - usually attended by the entire JCR.

CREW DATE — Two groups of people (often sports teams) go out for a meal, sconce each other, play drinking games, possibly go out after...

SCONCE — A crew date classic. Basically a truth or 'never have I ever'. A unique way to learn some niche facts about your friends!

THE 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.

TUTES — Abbreviation for tutorials, the smaller group sessions with tutors.

COLLECTIONS — College-assessed mock exams in 0th week (pronounced 'naughth'/north week) of every term.

PRELIMS/MODS — First year exams that take place at the end of Trinity term (or Hilary for law students!)

PORTERS — The amazing staff who man the lodge! Be sure to say hi when you see them!

SCOUTS — Cleaners who keep college (and your room) looking lovely.

The JCr



what is the jcr?



The JCR (Junior Common Room) is both the physical common room that anyone is welcome to hang out in, along with the name given to the undergraduate student body.

The common room is at the bottom of staircase 5, on the right as you go into Chapel Quad. It has a small kitchen with a microwave, air fryer, toaster and fridge. Every week, the kitchen cupboard gets restocked with snacks by the snack fairy!

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, each with slightly different quirks and ways of running.



who actually runs the jcr?

Essentially, it's *us* (the students)! 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.

University Church (right by Lincoln!)

Welfare Officers!

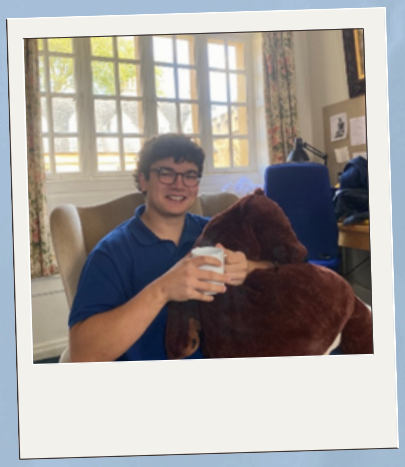


Mara

Hi everybody! Huge congratulations on getting your results - I'm so excited to welcome you to Lincoln in October! My name is Mara, and I'm a 2nd year medicine student, as well as one of your Welfare Officers. Lucky (or not) for you, this means that you will be seeing a lot of me.

Henry (the other Welfare Officer) and I will be putting on events and being a familiar face around college! We were in your position only a year ago, so know exactly how daunting coming to university is. We will always be up for a chat about anything that is on your mind! This doesn't need to wait until October - please feel free to contact me via Instagram (@_maracook) or email (mara.cook@lincoln.ox.ac.uk). We are so excited to meet you all in October, and have lots of activities planned for Fresher's week and beyond!

See you soon,
Mara x



Henry
(aka DJ)

Hello everyone! I'm Henry, a 2nd year Historian, and one of your Welfare Officers. First and foremost, congratulations for surviving A-Levels (it took me 3 attempts) and making it to Lincoln! It's really important to acknowledge that achievement, and that you deserve to be here. Your tutors hand-picked you – they believe in you, and Mara and I do too.

As Welfare, our most important job is looking after you all – starting now! Transitioning to university and adapting to your new home can be challenging, but we're here to support you – through all of that, and absolutely anything else. Even if you've just stubbed your toe, we'll be here. I'm contactable by email (henry.drewitt-jones@lincoln.ox.ac.uk), Instagram (@henry.drewitt) or Whatsapp (+44 07930266011). From October, you can always knock on my door, for a cup of tea and a chat – I'll be on Main Site, in Staircase 12, Room 5.

Mara and I also have plenty of activities planned, for Freshers week and beyond – including weekly welfare teas, pub quizzes, competitions, and dog visits! If you have any ideas for activities, please do let us know. We're keen to make welfare work for you. We're also responsible for provision of Sexual Health supplies, which will be stocked in your laundry rooms.

Mara and I are so excited to meet you all in October, and for you all to contribute in your own way to the Lincoln community. If you have any worries, questions or queries please do get in contact – though I promise, there's nothing to fear!

See you soon,
Henry



Marshall

LGBTQ+ Rep

Hello, I'm Marshall, and I am the LGBTQ+ Rep for Lincoln this year! I am here to help if you have any worries or questions regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. It doesn't matter if it is something big or small, or if you just need a chat; don't hesitate to reach out!

My email is marshall.haughton@lincoln.ox.ac.uk if you have anything to get off your mind before the start of term. Otherwise, you will likely see me around college quite often, and I am happy to be another friendly face to say hello to. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with around the university that focus on supporting LGBTQ+ students. I recommend keeping up to date with the university-wide LGBTQ society that has a weekly "Tuesgays", an event which rotates across colleges every week. It's a great chance to meet new people and connect; most importantly, it's a good time! I'm hoping to plan some events this year, so if you have any ideas for fun things you would like to see around college, do let me know! I'd really excited to hear your thoughts.

The college can also help in several other ways! There is financial support within college for gender affirming products, reimbursed confidentially. We also offer storage over vacation periods for items LGBTQ+ students may not feel able to take home. From pride flags to gender affirming products and clothing, just get in touch and I will assist you in accessing exactly what you need!

international students Rep

Hi, I'm Christian - a second-year PPE student from California! I'm your International Students' Rep this year, which means I'm here to help all international students feel at home at Lincoln. I'll be your go-to point of contact if you have any questions or concerns about settling into life in the UK, from setting up a bank account and phone number, to asking where storage is, setting in during Freshers', restaurant recs, or just need someone to talk to about adjusting to life in the UK. I'm happy to talk about anything and everything (I'm a yapper at heart) and please do not hesitate to reach out.



Christian

I'll also working on organizing a few fun events for international students, both in Lincoln and in collaboration with other colleges (have a few Int'l Rep friends at other colleges)! One highlight you may look forward to is our Eurovision watch party, which will be hosted in conjunction w/ the LGBTQ+ Rep (my lovely college husband Marshall). You can also find more info about international student life, and some advice in the International Students Guide (check the Freshers' Hub!). And again, feel free to reach out anytime - I know how much of an adjustment moving to a new country may be (my email: christian.wang@lincoln.ox.ac.uk)

JCR Vice-president



Noah

Hey everyone! First of all a massive congratulations on meeting your offers, and I can't wait to see so many new faces in October!

As Vice President, as part of the role, I am necessarily old. I am a 3rd year PPEist, and my role is essentially to deputise for Niamh, the President, but also to be part of the transition from one President to another. I work with the President and the Treasurer to ensure a smooth running of the JCR, whether that be the physical space itself, or handling relations with college! As part of my role, if there is ever anything you need or want to see in the JCR itself, I'm the man to come to. Also, if you ever need any help writing a motion for a JCR meeting, come to me or the Independent Chair, we'll be happy to help

Sports Rep



Hassan

Hi, I'm Hassan, a 2nd year PPEist and I am your JCR sports rep. I do multiple sports, including football, rugby, table tennis, running, darts, weightlifting, and pistol shooting. My main role as sports rep is serving as the treasurer of the Amalgas fund, which the college uses to finance our sports teams and make sure they are best supported to do well in intercollegiate competitions. Through the Blues fund, Lincoln also provides financial support to students who compete in their respective sports at university level..

Sports at Oxford are a great way to socialise and enjoy yourself – you can get involved in a variety of sports, whether at college level, which tends to be more casual, or at university level, which can be more competitive. Lincoln has a variety of well-established sports teams as well as a new basketball team in the making.

Last May, I organised our annual sports day with our sister college Downing College, Cambridge. This took place here at Lincoln, in which approximately 80 Downing students made their way to Oxford, where they got demolished by the hard work of our sports teams. The next sports day will take place at Downing College in Cambridge, and it is something for everyone of all levels to look forward to in the upcoming academic year.



Disabilities Rep



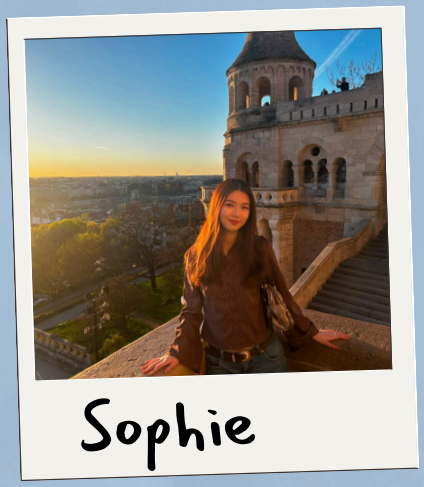
Erin

Hi! My name is Erin and I will be your disabilities rep as you start here at Lincoln. I study music and am just starting my second year. My job is to be a point of contact for anyone with a physical disability, mental health condition or special educational need to help with setting up student support plans. I am also here to help you register with the Disability Advisory Service (DAS) and work with the exams and adjustments officer (who is also the disability co-ordinator) who will help you set up your exam access requirements. To contact Rebecca Carley (Exams and Adjustments Officer and Disability Co-ordinator) use disability@lincoln.ox.ac.uk or rebecca.carley@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding access, please do reach out to me (erin.norman@lincoln.ox.ac.uk) - I can bring concerns to the JCR or the welfare working group and advocate for changes anonymously if required. I also have a budget from the JCR which I can put towards anything that you feel might make Lincoln more accessible so let me know any ideas you have for that!
Looking forward to meeting you!

CrEd Rep





Sophie

Hi, I'm Sophie - a third year law student and this year's CRED rep! As CRED rep, my job is to make sure that everyone feels welcome and represented at Lincoln, no matter your faith or culture. As well as supporting Lincoln Unites, I work closely with the college to organise cultural formals for festivals like Diwali, Eid and Hanukkah as well as ad hoc events throughout the year. For example, last Trinity I organised an inter-year dinner with POC Lincolnites at a local Chinese restaurant (funded by the JCR!) and it was a great opportunity for us to build connections and friendships across year groups. I plan on organising similar dinners this year with new faces and cuisines from all around the world.

I hope to be a friendly face around college so please reach out if you have any questions or fancy a chat! My email is sophie.lin@lincoln.ox.ac.uk and instagram is @soph1in

Arts Rep



Lulu

Hi! I'm Lulu, your Arts Rep for this year. I'm a second year historian from Birmingham, here to answer your questions and support you in all things arts related. Oxford has a super vibrant Uni-wide arts scene and there's always something to get involved in, whether that's writing for an arts magazine (big up Turl Mag, which has predominantly been edited by Lincolnites!) or performing in a play. It can seem overwhelming to navigate this all at the start of the year, but please do ask for any pointers. Instagram is a really great way to keep up to date with what's going on, and at Freshers' Fair in Michaelmas there will be representatives from a whole host of uni-wide arts societies to give you more detailed info. As they'll tell you, I promise everyone is keen to see you get stuck in, beginner or not!

At college level, I'll be working with Entz and with your Welfare Reps to ensure there are artsy happenings and events going on in term. One of my main responsibilities as Arts Rep is to help organise the Turl Street Arts Festival in February, which is a student-run and funded week-long affair that provides both an incredible platform for student creativity and a great opportunity to socialise with neighbouring colleges. Keep an eye out for that come Hilary term, and for other artsy events throughout the year! ANY questions arts-related (or not - happy to help with genuinely anything!) please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Noah

Charities Rep

I'm back again - I'm also JCR Charities Rep!! My job is to help facilitate any charity motions that you may want to bring, and also select my own charities in order to bring motions for funding to the JCR. If you ever think a charity needs support and we could help, don't hesitate to get in touch: I'll always be happy to help.

Environment and Ethics Officer

Hi everyone! My name is Vritiksha and I am a second year linguist studying French and German and I am going to be your Environment and Ethics Officer this year!



Vritiksha

If you are keen to get involved, there are SustainabiliTEA meetings in College every two weeks, where we talk all things sustainability with our wonderful Sustainability Officer over some scrumptious tea and cake – feel free to come along!

I look forward to working with you all over the next year. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any suggestions or questions – nothing is too big or too small – via email (vritiksha.shah@lincoln.ox.ac.uk) – I'd be delighted to hear from you!

Eco-friendly initiatives at Lincoln:

- You will be able to control the temperature in your room (and usually also bathroom) from your phone by scanning the EcoSync QR code provided. This also lets you turn off radiators if you are leaving for long periods.
- Every room has a thermometer card on its pinboard so you can check that you aren't using your heating unnecessarily
- There are college bikes that you are able to borrow for free
- RECYCLING! Every room has a green recycling bag which you should use and then empty in the recycling bins in the garage (opposite the Lodge or at the bottom of staircase 15).
- Free, environmentally friendly washing machine pods whill be available in the laundry rooms.
- You will be able to pick up second-hand household items such as crockery, clothes or decorations for free in freshers' week, so try not to buy lots of new items before arrival at Lincoln

GENDER Rep

Hi everyone!! I'm Ruby, a third year historian at Lincoln and your JCR gender rep! Congratulations on making all your offers, and see you in October!



Ruby

As gender rep I'm, first of all, around to support you ALL with welfare if you need! Whether that's putting you in contact with someone, or just a more lowkey chat about feminism/your general experiences, I'm always okay to be contacted if you have anything you want to get off your chest!

On the more administrative side, I help deliver consent & healthy relationships training (alongside the welfare team!) in fresher's week. As well as overseeing and topping up Lincoln's free distribution of sanitary products in bathrooms/laundry rooms, I can also reimburse you Plan B and pregnancy tests. It's all confidential, and I can take suggestions for other products like binders that will help with gender-affirming care.

Finally, there's a social side to the role! I publicize, via the JCR email, events happening across the university from societies like It Happens Here (the uni's anti-sexual violence campaign), or OxFemSoc, alongside other ad-hoc events going on. But more importantly, events within Lincoln are really important to me as well!!

For Movember, I'll be hosting a charity formal in Lincoln to boost our college's fundraising target. And for International Women's Day, there will be a series of events and fun things for everyone to get involved with. Watch this space...

Again, looking forward to meeting everyone! My email is ruby.tipple@lincoln.ox.ac.uk - don't hesitate to get in touch!

There are a load more positions and roles you can get involved in, some more serious, others more fun.

If you want to find out more (hear about our Cookie fairy, or War Minister, for example!), you can check out the JCR Dummy's Guide, or reach out to one of us :)

Meet your EnTz TEAM!



Helen

Hi everyone!! I'm Helen, a second year PPEist and your Entz Chair this year. Firstly, I just wanted to say a massive congratulations to all of you for getting in. While going to Oxford means you'll inevitably have a higher workload than you might at other unis, it's unique in its college system, which means that (in my unbiased opinion) we also have MUCH more fun than at other unis!

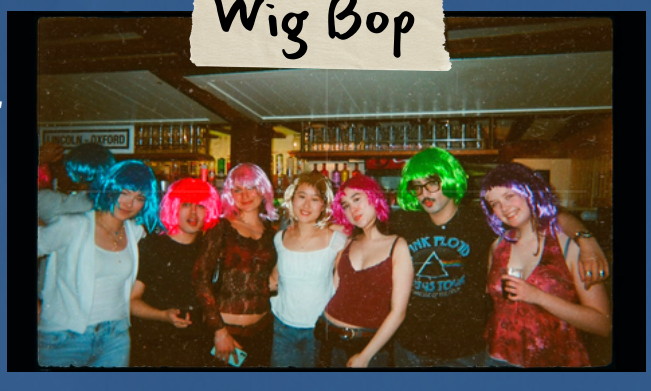
As Entz Chair, I'm responsible for organising all social events within college (including Fresher's week!) that provide great opportunities to get to know not only everyone in your year, but also with other years. Across the year, we host a wide range of events, including both drinking events like balls and club nights, as well as non-drinking ones like movie nights, pumpkin carving, and gingerbread house decorating. It goes without saying that all drinking events will of course have non-alcoholic options for those who don't drink as everyone is always welcome!



Midsommar bop

Probably the most notable events are our college BOPs, which happen twice a term and are always themed (dressing up is STRONGLY encouraged). They tend to start around 9 and end at midnight, however all information for bops will be posted on our instagram account (@lincolnentz2026), including the link to the bop guestlist.

One thing to bear in mind is that Lincoln is VERY strict with its last entry time and guestlist, so DON'T BE LATE!! However, this means that our bops tend to be more full than those at other colleges, which means they're super great vibes and a great chance to see everyone :)



Wig Bop

However, our Entz team is also responsible for organising inter-college events, which provides a great opportunity to meet people from other colleges too! These include formal swaps (so you can have a taste of other college's food and see their amazing dining halls!) as well as cross-college social events such as joint pub quizzes or 30 questions. Lincoln is lucky to be situated super close to loads of other colleges such as Exeter, Jesus and Brasenose, so any friends you make there you'll be bound to bump into walking around Turl Street, which provides a super easy way to branch out and make loads of new friends. We are also involved in organising megabops which are held with other colleges at one of Oxford's clubs and are yet another opportunity to meet people from other colleges.

Halloween Megabop





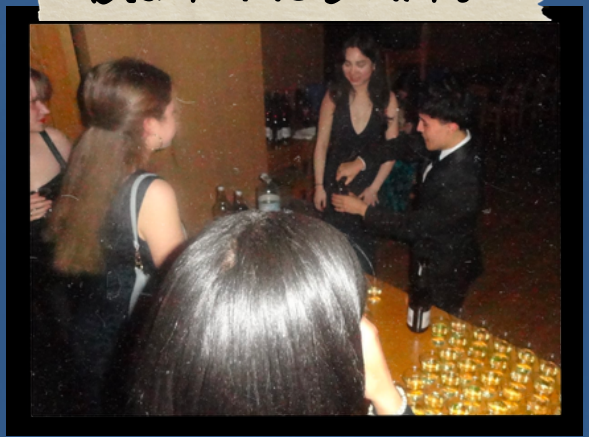
Aggie setting up Groove quad

There are a number of legendary events to look out for that are exclusive to Lincoln College. These include **Black Tie Drinks** (a personal favourite), which happen every term and come complete with plenty of wine and soft drinks, or **Groove Quad** held in Trinity, with live bands, unlimited Pimm's and/or lemonade, and excellent free food. Entz will also have access to exclusive codes and discounts for clubs, balls, and more, which we'll post on our Instagram (@lincolnentz2026), so make sure to give us a follow. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BUY CLUB TICKETS/WRISTBANDS BEFORE FRESHER'S WEEK: WE WILL SELL THEM TO YOU AT A DISCOUNT ON THE WEEK.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Fresher's Week next term, and if you have any questions about social life at Lincoln or Fresher's week, feel free to DM me (@helen.d46) or the Entztagram!

– Helen x

Black Tie Drinks





Ronaldo

Helloooo I'm Ronaldo, I study History. My fav thing about Lincoln is the lovely community and the LIT themed bops we have twice a term (wig bop was generational). #lincolntillidie



Bea

Hi! I'm Bea, I do English and I'm super excited to be on Entz this year! My favourite event has to be Groove Quad (mainly for all the delicious free food and drinks!!) ;)



Aggie

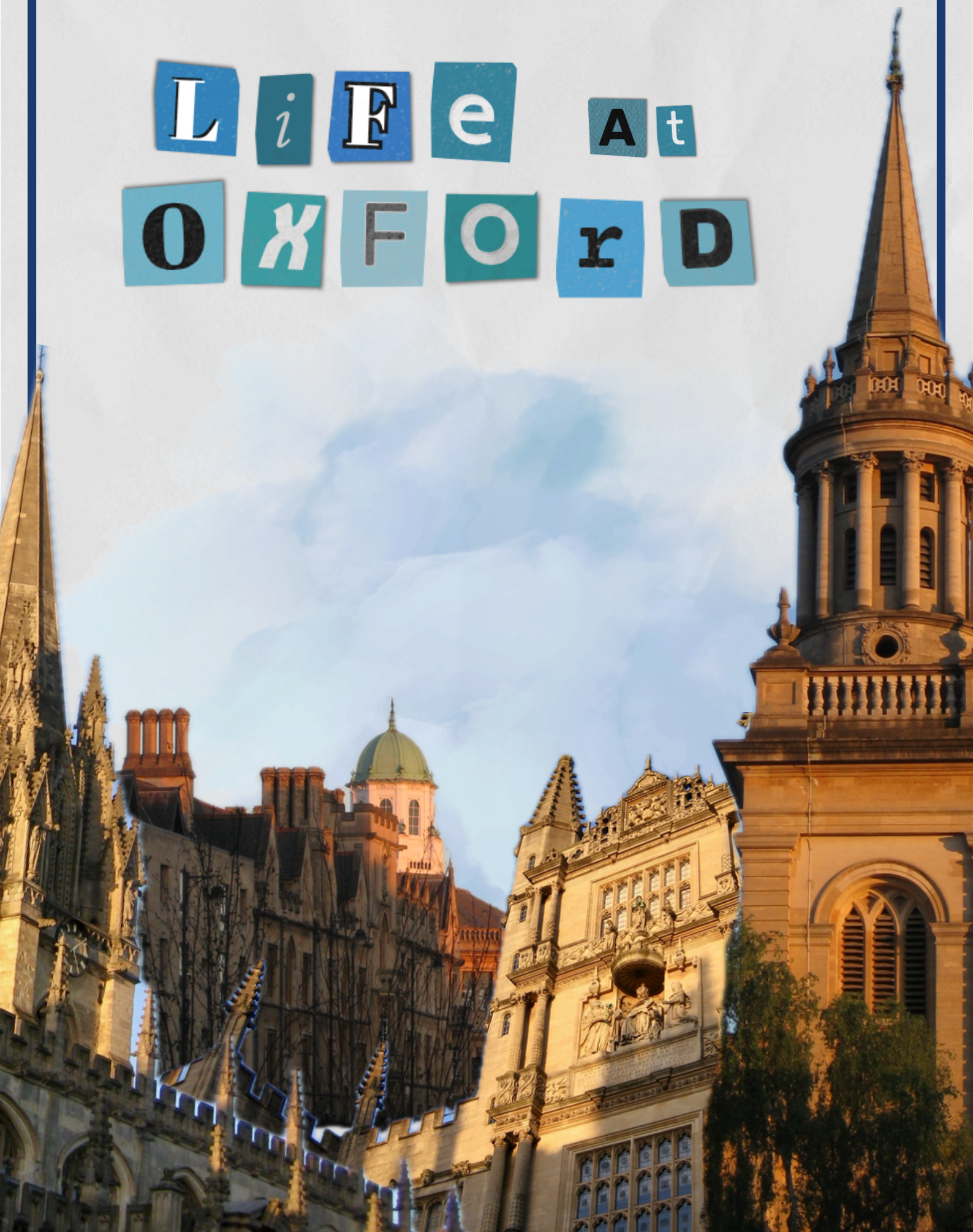
I'm Aggie, and I study History of Art. I'm looking forward to many a bop this year - especially the freshers' bop!



Lucy

I'm Lucy, your entztagrammer this year. I'll be keeping you posted on events within college, Freshers' week, club tickets and offers!! Groove quad this year was (as always) unreal and there's plenty more where that came from, so keep an eye on the Entz Instagram to not miss out on all the events we have lined up for you this year!!

Life at Oxford



A map of lincoln

1 Grove Quad



Lincoln's best green space.

Access to **dining hall**, staircases 9-13, the Welfare Officer's rooms, and of course **Deepers**!

2 Hall



Where you can get your three meals. Enter and queue through Grove Quad.

5 Oakeshott, Langford & Lower Lecture Rooms

Where you'll have a lot of Freshers' week, as well as classes and seminars. Accessible through Grove Quad.

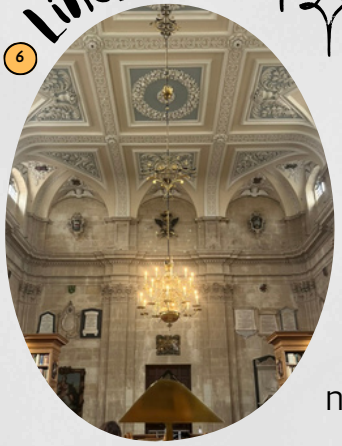
3 Front Quad



The site of Ascension Day!

Access to the **Plodge**, staircases 1-4, Lisa's office (the Welfare coordinator) & college offices.

6 LincLib



4 Chapel Quad



Access to the Chapel (obviously), staircases 5-8, the nurse's office, **laundry room**, the **JCR**, and the Chaplain's room

Bits of Advice

Oxford can be very overwhelming, so it can be useful to hear the advice of others based on their experiences. Remember though, everyone's journey through uni is different, so do what works for you.

FOR FRESHERS' WEEK

Don't stress about making friends, Lincoln is an amazing place to meet new people.

If it's your first time drinking, don't worry you're not alone. Drink with people who will take care of you and you'll get to know what your tolerance is over time.

Try literally everything that is offered to you. Put yourself out there to make the most of this new opportunity.

You'll find your people, even if it's not immediately. Groups shift and change, and just because you haven't found your 'best' friends at the very beginning does not mean they aren't there

Start the academic year as you mean to go on. work hard, THEN, play hard.

Take a moment for yourself as and when needed - it can be overwhelming! Don't be afraid to give a night a miss and take time for yourself

STUFF TO BRING:



- mattress topper
- duvet & pillows
- hangers
- bath mat
- photos & posters!
- sliders
- a digicam
- trunks/swimsuit
- a shot measure
- crockery (plates, bowls, cutlery)

ADVICE FROM THOSE WHO JUST FINISHED FIRST YEAR ...

Don't stress about your tute sheets too much. Just understand the material first and don't worry if you aren't able to complete everything.

It's ok to have worked harder and sacrificed more than others. Don't let anyone make you feel like an idiot for wanting to make the most out of your education.
Ambition is cool.

It's really easy to forget that you deserve to be here! Especially when studying with other people whose workload or work method is different from yours. Remember to trust in your own pace, ask for help when you need it, and remember that **you deserve your place**.

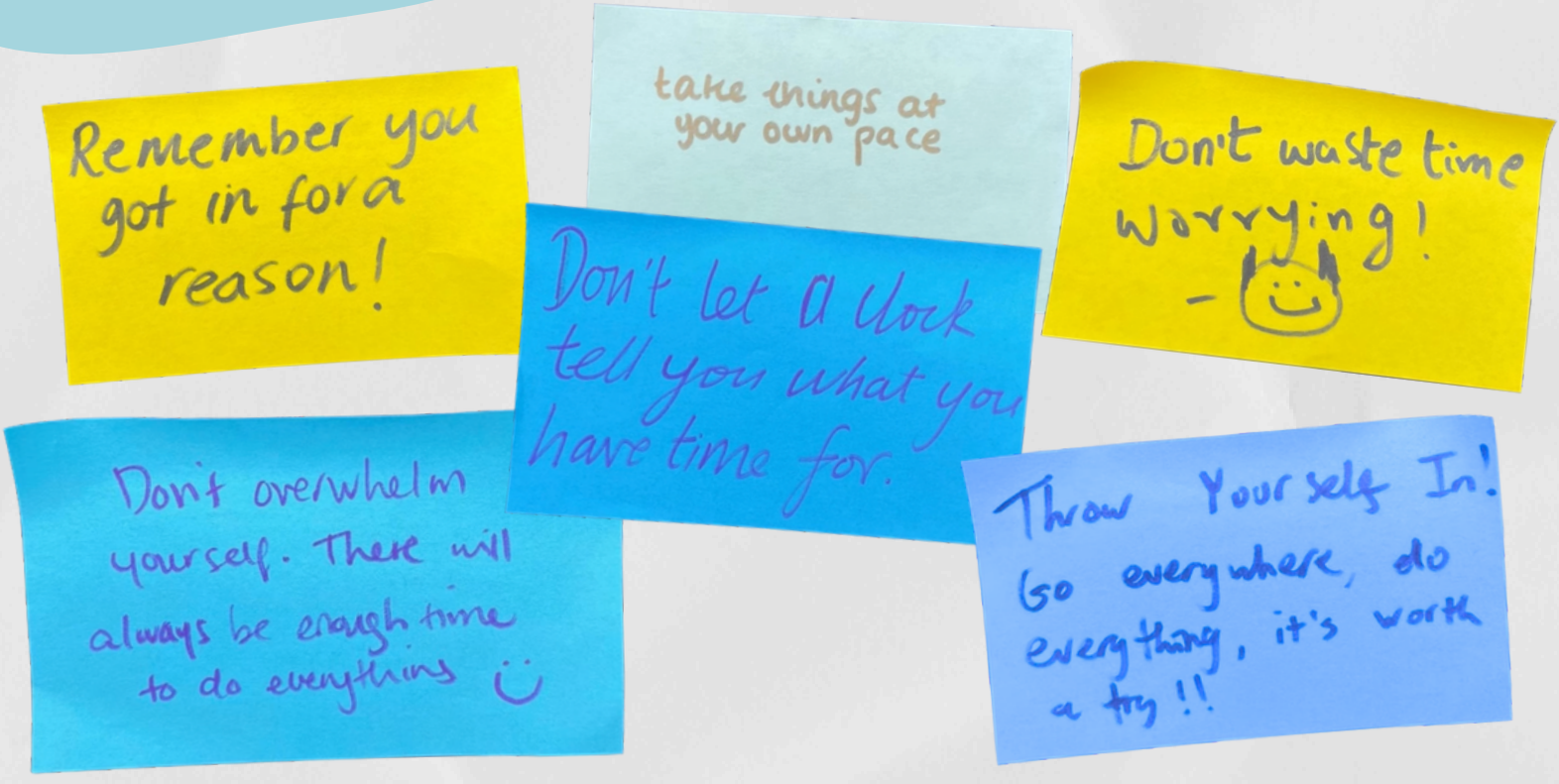
Have all of your notes in order before the time that you really start ramping up revision at the end. **Do your future self a favour** and have it ready.

Make the most of your opportunities and don't be afraid to try something new. You don't have to stick with everything but **at least try**

Sometimes, it's not that deep and you **just** have to **keep swimming**.

...AND FROM THE FINALISTS

(those who are about to graduate)





With your Bod Card giving you access to over 30 different libraries, here's a guide to some of our favourites (if you somehow get bored of LincLib)

A guide to LIBRARIES at Oxford

Taylorian

By far the most beautiful library in Oxford (just 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.



Particularly nice 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.

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

Rad Cam





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

THE Oxford library. It's supposed to be the History library, but you very often see too many graphs and numbers on desks for them to be Historians. 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. Great if you want to see people, and you can do little coffee breaks outside.
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.

Law & Social Sciences

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





Better for if you prefer working in modern environments. The law faculty library is a massive open space with a good natural light (sometimes you really need it). 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. It is also **AIR-CONDITIONED** (great for summer heatwaves).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 are a bit far from Lincoln, so 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.

Duke Humphrey's

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

The actual Harry Potter Library. A very special place, great if you need a reminder of how lucky you are to be studying here at Oxford. Accessible through the Old Bodleian, it is great to just soak in the history, especially of you get a balcony seat. It is maybe not the most productive place because you aren't allowed to bring in any bags, food /drink, and you end up spending most of your time looking around rather than focusing on what you came here to do. But definitely worth a visit.



The Bodleian

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



Slightly confusingly named because all Oxford libraries are called 'Bodleian' libraries, the Old Bod 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 light/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. Very useful as well for the reading that is only accessible on the Bodleian library computers

Bear Lane Reading Room





REALLY well air-conditioned in summer!!

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

A criminally underrated spot, the Bear Lane Reading Room (somehow abbreviated to the 'BBL') is a Lincoln-only study space, great for those who want more of a lowkey study session. Equipped with discussion rooms for group work, as well as comfy chairs with large, height-adjustable standing desks, the BBL is preferred by those who want a simple, accessible library. Unlike LincLib, it is open 24/7 if you prefer to work through the night. Definitely give it a go, especially when you just need a quick and easy spot to lock in.

FOOD Recommendations

If you ever get bored of the hall food or Deepers baguettes, here are some spots around Oxford to try out:

3000 NOODLES



Massive bowls of ramen

MISSION BURRITO

One of the VERY few mexican food places in Oxford - so when you crave a burrito...

SUSHI BOWL



THE WHITE RABBIT

A pub with good pizza



TSE NOODLE



Super tasty and close to college: but they ONLY ACCEPT CASH

ROZANA'S or NAJAR'S



two great wrap places, choose where you prefer!

You can find a lot of these food spots (and more!) in the Covered Market, right on Lincoln's doorstep

CAFE CREME



Hot ciabatta sandwiches (20% student discount!)

SARTORELLI'S

THE best pizza in Oxford: In the covered market so super close to Lincoln!



ITALIAMO



Delicious calzones: they do a student discount (but it's better value to get their loyalty card!!)

KEBAB VANS





There's a load of Kebab vans around Oxford to choose from: **Hassan's**, **Hussein's**, **Ahmed's**,- pick your favourite!

(this is Hassan, a legend, his van is right on Turl Street)

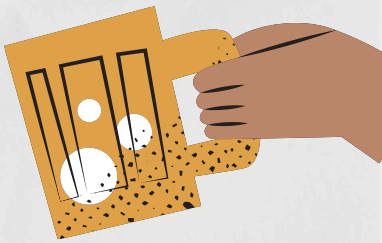
DONBURI INN

Solid, authentic Chinese food, both rice and noodle dishes!



some good pubs...

for a post-library pint



DEEPERS

- Lincoln college bar, run by Simon
- hard to beat on price (~£3 for a pint)
- get an Imp (college drink) or a pint of Boddingtons

FOUR CANDLES

- the main Spoons in Oxford
- cheap pints, cheap food
- very packed, you're bound to run into someone you know

WHITE HORSE

- sprawls over Broad Street, good for people watching
- amazing when the sun is shining
- cheap Campari Soda for those with taste

LAMB & FLAG

- one of the cheapest pints and very central
- lovely, old-fashioned vibe inside, very 'Oxford-y'



JUDE THE OBSCURE

- great sheltered outdoor seating with fairy lights
- in Jericho/North Oxford, so less busy
- student discount Monday to Friday

...and nice cafés



for coffee breaks (or study dates)



MISSING BEAN

Incredibly handy, as it's just across Turl Street from college

COFFEESMITH

"ITS SO CUTE. ITS SO COSY. ITS MY FAV"
-lauren



SOCIETY CAFÉ

Good for matcha and coffee, nice outdoor seating

INDEPENDENT CAFÉ

A classic just outside Christ Church, nice wide tables for studying

NEWGROUND

Great service, solid coffee, a unique underground vibe

Check out @cappucinhOes on Instragram for more café reviews from two Lincolnites!

A first year to-do list

You're only a Fresher once ... here's are some things to do outside of studying to make the most out of Oxford.



NATURE:

- [ ] Sunrise walk around Christ Church meadows
- [ ] Swim at Hinksey lake
- [ ] Magdalen Deer Park
- [ ] Oxford Botanical Gardens

(both are free entry with your Bod Card!)

- [ ] See the cows in Port Meadow

THINGS AROUND TOWN:



- [ ] **Punting**!! (especially on Matriculation - take LOADS of pictures)
- [ ] Go to Tuesday **Jazz night** at the Bear (pub)
- [ ] Visit the **museums** (Ashmolean, Pitts Rivers)
- [ ] **G&D's** ice cream trip
- [ ] Climb **Carfax Tower** and **University Church**



Boathouse Island during Summer VIIIs

'OXFORD-Y' THINGS:

- [x] Get into the best university in the world
- [ ] Do a **formal swap** with another college
- [ ] Stay up for (or make it to) **May Day morning**
- [ ] Watch/take part in **rowing** (Torpids in Hilary, Summer VIIIs in Trinity)
- [ ] Watch/take part in a student **theatre production**
- [ ] Get involved in the **Union** (if it's your thing!)

INSTAGRAM pages to follow

THE MAIN ONES:

this is the student-run one!

- **Lincoln College JCR - @lincolnoxfordjcr**
- Lincoln College - @lincolncollegeoxford
- Entz 2026 - @lincolnentz2026
- VacProj (our JCR Charity) - @vacproj



VacProj!

COLLEGE SPORTS:

follow for line-up announcements and match reports

- Rowing - @lincolncollegeboatclub
- Football - @lincolncollegefc
- Cricket - @lincoln_cricket
- Rugby - @lincolncollegerfc
- Netball - @lincolnoxnetball
- Running Club - @lincolnrunningclub
- Women's Football - @lincolnwomenfootball



Rowers in Uniform

COLLEGE SOCIETIES & PUBLICATIONS:

- Crochet Club - @lincoln_crochet
- History Soc - @lincolncollegehistorysoc
- Law Soc - @lincolncollegelawsoc
- Music Soc - @lincolncollegemusicsociety
- The Imp (our satirical publication) - @lincoln.imp
- The Turl (creative arts magazine) - @theturlmagazine



History Soc Trip to Blenheim Palace

and that's a quick look into Lincoln!



Hopefully you've found this useful.
We can't wait to meet you!

Made by Helen and Niamh (Shoutout to Darren)

Kindest regards,
the JCR.