

# Lincoln College



## Housing Package for Freshers

**Compiled for the 2019-2020 Academic year**

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

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# Life in Lincoln Accommodation

Welcome to Lincoln College!

This housing package is meant to serve as a brief introduction to the accommodation that Lincoln College offers its incoming graduate students. Though, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact college with your questions. Contact details can be found on page 11 of this package.

Housing for freshers is spread out over 4 sites in Oxford: Bear Lane, Carfax Quarter, the EPA Centre and Little Clarendon Street. A general description of each site, some images and a map highlighting their locations can be found below. Each residence is designed slightly differently and will suit each student differently, however it's important to note that Oxford is very pedestrian and cyclist friendly, and all college residences listed here are within walking distance to Lincoln College. Therefore, regardless of where you live it's easy to get involved in College and attend any events put on throughout the year.

Each room in college residence has been designated as one of four bands; A, B, C, or D. This will determine the room rates and overall living cost of college accommodation, with A being the most expensive option. Rooms have been designated their band based on a number of factors including but not limited to noise, natural light, amenities, room size, whether it has an ensuite or not, the number of people in the flat sharing a kitchen etc. Therefore, A grade rooms will usually be larger, possibly newer, and have an ensuite, while lower grade rooms may not and are thus offered at a lower price.

Every residence will have access to a communal laundry facility. The laundry facility will also have emergency welfare supplies such as condoms and tampons that are free of charge. Laundry cards must be purchased from college and to use the facilities, students must top up their card. One wash cycle will cost between £1.50-2.50 and each dry cycle will cost the approximately the same.

Every room in college will have a bed, mattress, desk and chair already supplied. Students are free to personalise their rooms, though students are not permitted to adhere anything to the walls. Some rooms have a large corkboard to use for decorations and other decorations can be placed on the room's shelving, but adhering anything to the wall is a violation of college policy.

Students will have to bring their own bed linen, pillows and towels as these are not supplied by college. The city centre has a number of affordable shops where these items can be purchased. Kitchens will usually have a select number of basic items such as pots, pans, cutlery etc. Please note that students are not to keep kitchen appliances such as microwaves or hot plates in their rooms.

# Room and Residence Descriptions

## Bear Lane

While the Mitre (an undergraduate residence) undergoes refurbishment, Bear Lane can only offer a limited amount of C and D grade rooms. Please note that the Bear Lane residence will primarily be occupied by undergraduate students that would otherwise have lived in the Mitre.

The rooms in Bear Lane can vary, though all rooms available this year are C and D grade rooms, and thus of a similar quality, though higher grade rooms are generally larger, quieter and/or newer. 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 22. 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 quick access MCR events, the dining hall, or any other college amenities.

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.



Bear Lane courtyard

## 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 for 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 the Westgate shopping centre and major 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 (referred to as Clusters) are either 5 or 7 residences, but the rooms in flats of 5 may be larger and are thus 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. 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 with various amenities. Please find a sample floorplan and mock up image of a room below.



Mock up room



Sample kitchen layout



Floor plan of Clusters A and B

## EPA

The EPA centre is slightly further from college, and many science students are first allocated 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 large shared common area with a pool table, event space, and even a 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 the 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 they have two full ovens and 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 this area.



## 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

For those on longer courses, many may choose to live in Lincoln accommodation for their second year of study and beyond. Housing is only guaranteed for first year students, though most students who request a room in Lincoln accommodation again are usually allotted one. Room choices are determined annually in the Housing Ballot where students are randomly ranked within their respective band and then they may choose a room in that order of precedence. The MCR Secretary will put out a call for those wishing to enter the ballot sometime in Hilary term.

## ***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 have 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 are 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 bands 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 that you may follow along and see what rooms are still available before you arrive to ballot. Please be informed in your selection and do 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.

# 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 deputizes when the Domestic Operations Manager is out of College.

Any issues, room changes, or questions should be directed to Lucy.

## ***Maintenance Issues***

<http://lincmaintenance.linc.ox.ac.uk:8123/>

For use the above URL to report any maintenance issues with your room or flat to college.

## ***MCR Secretary***

lincolnmcsec@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

Please contact the MCR Secretary with any queries pertaining to the housing 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  
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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  
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Contact Carmella with any questions pertaining to general graduate concerns at Lincoln, including the Graduate Research Fund, the Senior Scholarships, etc.

# Housing Map for Freshers

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

