

University of Oxford

Returner Housing Pack 2023

Lincoln MCR



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Room and Residence Description

Bear Lane and Emily Carr House

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. The rooms in Bear Lane can vary, 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 Bear Lane. Please note these photos are for reference, and additional materials like bedding are not included.

Staircase 19



Staircase 20



Little Clarendon Street

Little Clarendon is 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 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 and several tables to accommodate. There is a laundry room with 2 washers and 2 dryers on the 3rd (top) floor, which do 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.



EPA Centre

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.



Divinity Road House

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. 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 additional living space and dining area. Three of the bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms and there is a fourth 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.



Room Rates

The daily room rates for the individual bands for 2023-2024 are as follows:

Band A	£30.70
Band B	£29.51
Band C	£27.56
Band D	£24.57

Housing Ballot – 7th May

When is the ballot?

The housing ballot is organised by the MCR Secretary and will take place on Sunday 7th May. Once people have registered their interest via the online form, a schedule will be circulated listing the times each student will make their selection. The ballot will most likely take place in the MCR, 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 Officers
4. MCR Academic Officers
5. Three MCR Representatives, up to a maximum of 12 Committee members in total. Precedence amongst the remaining Committee members will be decided randomly.
6. Those who have never lived in Lincoln accommodation
7. Those who have lived in Lincoln accommodation for 1 year
8. Those who have lived in Lincoln accommodation for 2 years
9. Those who have lived in Lincoln accommodation for 3 years etc.

All students who have entered the ballot and are not a member of the MCR committee 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 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. Any issues after the ballot are to be directed to Annaliese 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.

What if I am unable to secure a room in the ballot?

Once all rooms have been assigned, the ballot will be closed. However, it is expected that more rooms will become available from the 1st of August and can be booked on a first come first served basis through the College's StarRez accommodation portal.

Will I need to pay a deposit?

To avoid people not committing to the rooms they were offered, or pulling out of their accommodation at late notice, College will be taking a 2 small advance payment (which will go towards the first term's rent) at the time of booking a graduate room. Once they receive the list of students taking up a room via the ballot, College will get in touch with you directly about this process.

Contact Details

Accommodation Manager

Annaliese Griffiss

annaliese.griffiss@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

Please contact Annaliese for all matters relating to student or Fellows accommodation, including vacation residence and issues with rooms or furnishings. Annaliese also deputises when the Domestic Operations Manager is out of College. Any issues, room changes, or questions after the ballot should be directed to Annaliese. Please inform Annaliese 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

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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 Lincoln, including the Graduate Research Fund, the Senior Scholarships, etc.