



# Trinity College MCR

## Alternative Handbook

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# Welcome to Trinity!

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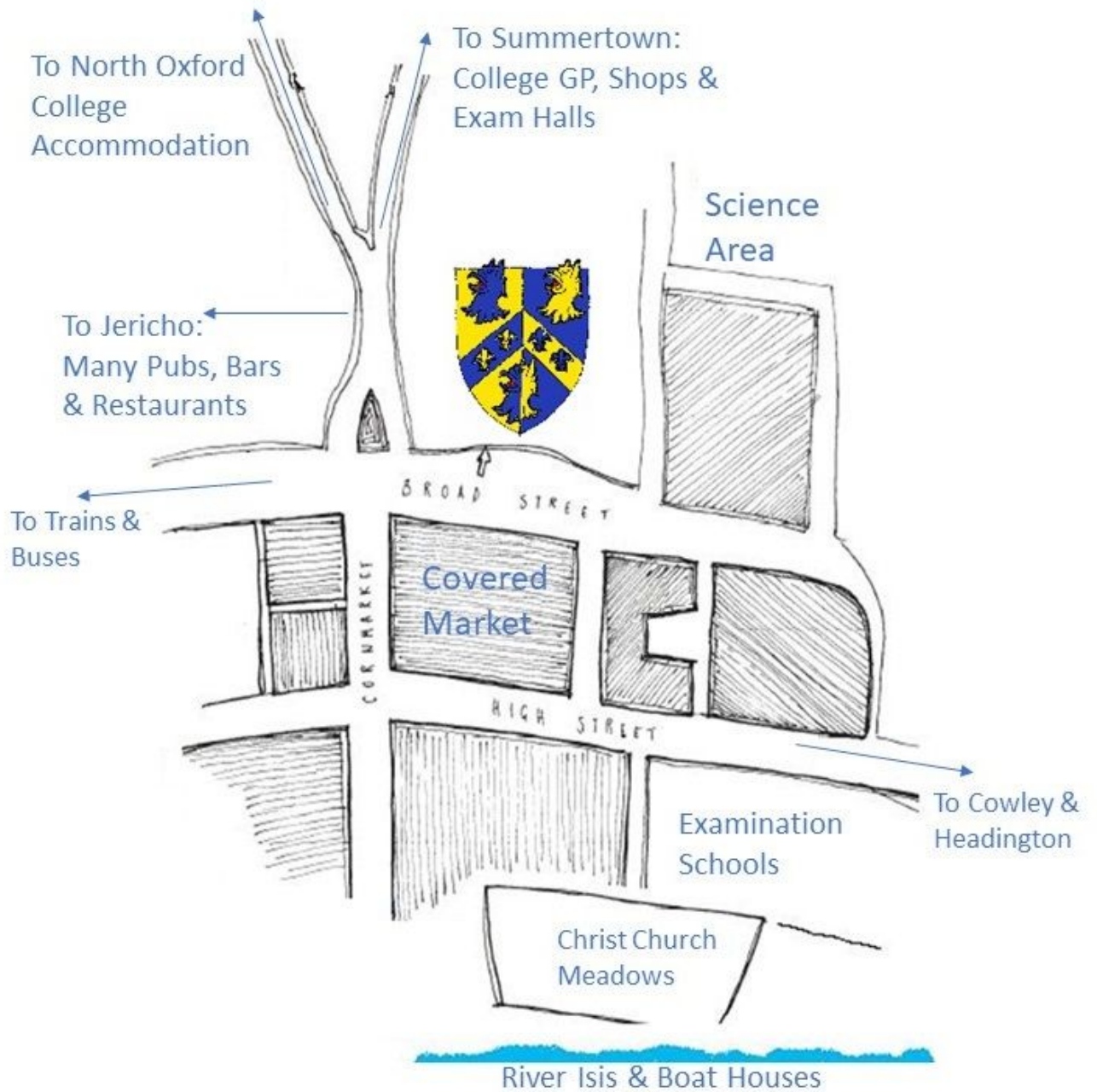
You will almost certainly receive a great deal of information upon your arrival to Oxford. This guide is designed to help you find your feet quickly and give you a brief introduction to life at Trinity—from eating, to the best places to study, to the best spots for nightlife in Oxford.

That said, this guide is in no way comprehensive. Although we will give some suggestions, you will get the most out of Oxford when you discover it yourself! Everyone has their favourite coffee shop, study corner, and brunch spot. So heed our advice, but explore all of the unique places Oxford has to offer!

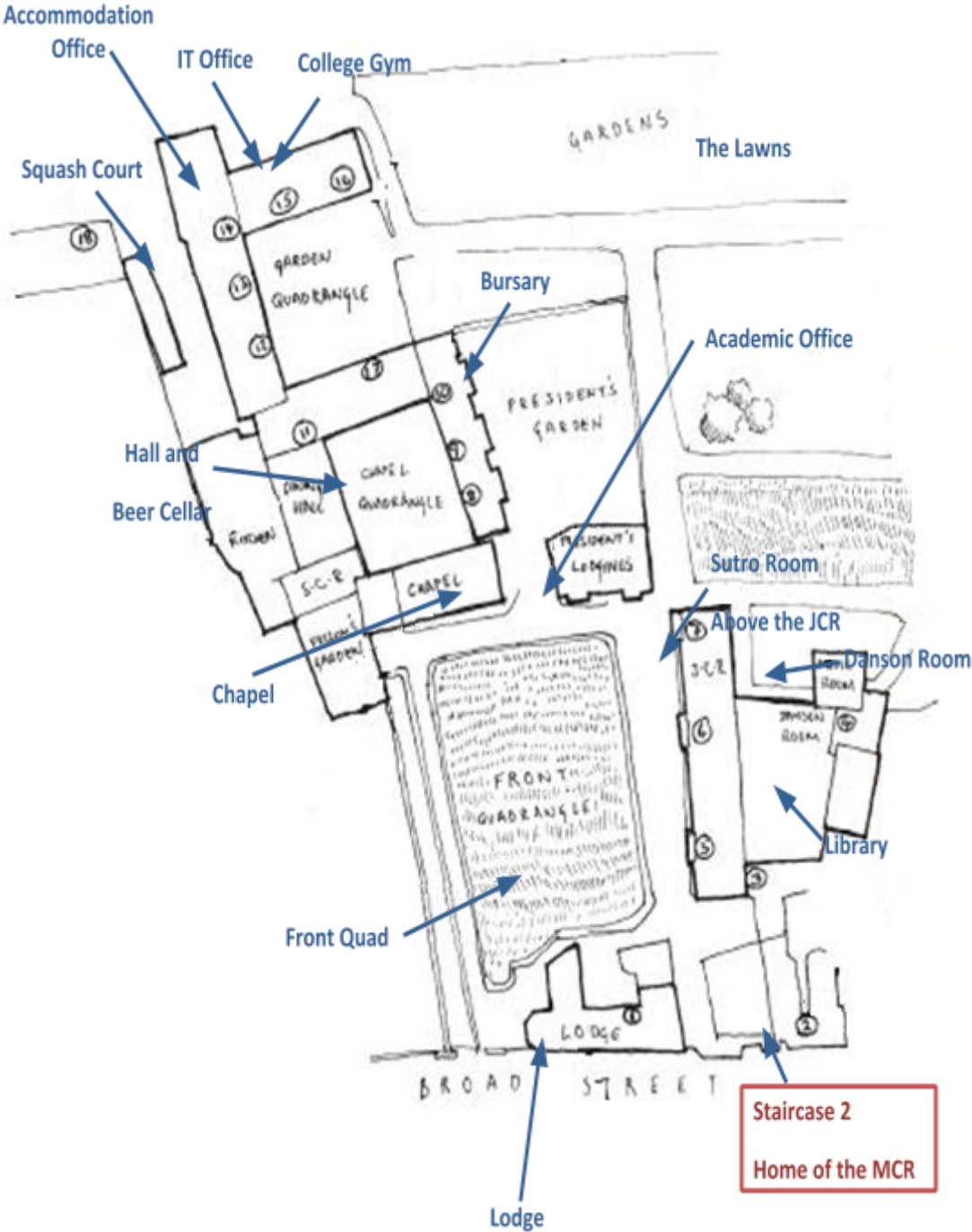
For essential information about Trinity, see the College Handbook. [www.trinitymcr.com](http://www.trinitymcr.com), the MCR (Middle Common Room) website is a good source of additional information. However, if there is anything that you're still not sure of or want to ask before coming up, feel free to get in touch with the MCR Committee.

From everyone here at Trinity: We are excited to meet you. Welcome!

# Where is Trinity?



# Where is the MCR?



# Now that you've found us

## ...what is the MCR?

The MCR (Middle Common Room) is at the center of graduate life at Trinity. The MCR is the common room on the main college site and is located on the second floor of staircase 2. The majority of MCR General Meetings and social events take place in the MCR- from bops to Welfare Coffee and Cake. Free tea and coffee is always available.

The MCR also has a number of graduate-only kitchens across its properties. The one on staircase 2 is located on the ground floor, below the MCR, and has an oven, hobs, and a microwave. In the kitchen you will also find lockers for those living off-site.

As a Trinity graduate, you will automatically become a member of the MCR. Social membership is also available if your 'significant other' wants to be a part of the MCR. This is subject to vote by the MCR committee and costs £50 per year. Social members have full access to MCR facilities (kitchen, common room, etc.) and events.



# College or University?

## ...trying to solve the riddle

You may find yourself a little bit bewildered by all the paper coming your way from different corners of the University. Trinity College, your department, and the central graduate admissions office may all get in touch with you at various points. Consequently, if you're unsure about something or a document you were expecting hasn't arrived it can be unclear who to contact to find out what's going on! Even seasoned veterans find the nuances of the University's bureaucracy puzzling at times, so we've compiled a guide to show you where to turn for the most commonly asked questions and problems.

### **Who do I speak to about my accommodation?**

If you've requested accommodation from College, then the person to contact is Trinity's Accommodation Manager, Mandy Giles ([mandy.giles@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mandy.giles@trinity.ox.ac.uk)). For example, she's the person to contact if you want to find out when you can move in.

### **How do I pay my fees?**

College is responsible for collecting your fees (both your University fees and, appropriately, your College fees). There is a range of different payment methods available. The person to ask any questions you may have regarding fees is Jessica Andrews, the Fees and Batters Administrator ([fees@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fees@trinity.ox.ac.uk)).

### **I haven't received my student contract. What should I do?**

This is where it gets a little confusing. The University requires all students to sign and return a contract. This document is what ultimately prompts your University Card to be created. The contract is released once you have fulfilled the academic, language, and financial conditions attached to your offer. If you're in doubt about your academic and language conditions contact the admissions team in your department. If you have not fulfilled the financial conditions, then contact [admissions@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@trinity.ox.ac.uk).

### **I haven't received the information I need to apply for my visa. What should I do?**

The issue of visas for postgraduate students is handled entirely by the University and your department. If you're awaiting your CAS number contact your department in the first instance or the University International Office (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/international>).

# Welfare

...when a cup of tea can't solve your problems

## MCR Welfare Officer

The MCR Welfare Officer, is your go-to source for all things regarding welfare and is available to talk any time day or night. They have information regarding all Welfare resources available in College and Oxford. They are in charge of planning various welfare events, such as the weekly Coffee and Cake and Pizza & Movie Night, to foster a fun and supportive atmosphere for MCR members. Their advice is non-judgemental and completely confidential.



Email: [mcr-welfare@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-welfare@trinity.ox.ac.uk)

## MCR President and Junior Deans

The Junior Deans are excellent resources if you are having any issues during your time at Trinity whether it is academic stress, interpersonal conflicts, or any other problem. Feel free to contact them and they'll be there to help out or advise you on other Welfare resources available. The MCR President is also available as an alternative Welfare contact. All advice is non-judgemental and completely confidential.



MCR President Email: [mcr-president@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-president@trinity.ox.ac.uk)

## Peer supporters

There are always at least two trained peer-supporters in the MCR who offer members an easily accessible and relatively informal opportunity to talk through issues which may be concerning them. They will introduce themselves at the beginning of each term.



Website: <http://www.trinitymcr.com/peersupport/>



Welfare Dean: Emma Percy

The College Welfare Dean is Emma Percy, who is also the College Chaplain. As Welfare Dean, she works in concert with the Junior Deans & the MCR Welfare Officer. She is available for any welfare concerns students may have. All advice is non-judgemental and completely confidential.



Email: [emma.percy@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:emma.percy@trinity.ox.ac.uk)

Phone: (2)79886 or 01865 876211 (home), Office: Staircase 8.1

## Physical Health

### College Surgery

Nurse (Alison Nicholls)

The nurse is one of your resources for all physical health problems, ranging from sports injuries to the flu. Appointments to see the college doctor can be made through her. She is also available for students who are dealing with adjustment issues, stress or any other form of emotional strain. She is especially useful if you have reoccurring psychiatric issues for which you may need medication. During term time, she is available in the college surgery (ground floor of staircase 1) weekdays from 12.30 - 14.15, except Wednesdays where her hours are 10.30-13.15

Email: [alison.nicholls@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alison.nicholls@trinity.ox.ac.uk)

Phone: (2) 79915 or 07881 836803

### Summertown Health Centre

If you are not already registered with an NHS doctor, College will register you with the NHS upon arrival. Trinity students are assigned to the Summertown Health Centre. GPs from the Centre are available in the college surgery once a week. Additionally, you can contact the health centre directly for appointments and prescriptions. They also have mental health services available.

<http://www.summertownhealthcentre.co.uk>

Phone: 01865 515552

160 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7BS

## Sexual Health

Trinity College provides a variety of services for sexual health. The nurse is available for pregnancy or STD testing. In addition she provides the morning after pill (which can also be acquired over the counter at chemists or at the Summertown Health Centre). She can also direct you to other resources at the University and in Oxford. The Summertown Health Centre is another resource for sexual health needs. They can be contacted directly for appointments. The MCR Welfare Officer has pregnancy tests available (no embarrassment on using this resource – those things are expensive!). The MCR provides free condoms for MCR members. In the following locations:

- ♥ Main site: Staircase 2, unisex toilet on the ground floor
- ♥ Main site: Unisex toilet close to the beer cellar
- ♥ Rawlinson Rd: Laundry room in building 18
- ♥ Nunnery: ground floor unisex toilet close to the common room
- ♥ Staverton: Laundry room in the main building

## Welfare Resources in Oxford

### Counselling Service

The Oxford counselling service offers individual and group counselling, workshops and self-help resources. More information on hours and appointment scheduling are available on their website:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/shw/counselling/>

3 Worcester Street, Oxford, OX1 2BX

### Nightline

Nightline is a listening and support service provided by students from 8 PM to 8 AM during term time.

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~nightln/>

The number for Nightline is:  
(01865) 270270

16B Wellington Square, Oxford,  
OX1 2HY

## Diversity

Trinity College is home to students from all over the world. We celebrate the diversity of backgrounds, interests and experiences of the MCR community. With such a diverse student body we recognise that everyone has different needs and requirements in order to make a place feel like home.

## Other Welfare Topics

Resources are available for a wide variety of welfare topics not addressed in this guide. These include topics of rape and sexual abuse, alcohol and drug use, bereavement, etc. The MCR Welfare Officer, the MCR President, the Welfare Dean, the Peer Supporters and the College Nurse will be happy to provide you with the appropriate resources for these issues.

# Money...

## That is what I want

### 'Battels'

This is your running bill with Trinity College, on which you will be charged for accommodation (if applicable), College fees, and any other sundry charges that arise. You will normally receive a request for payment at the end of each term as well as an interim statement half-way through term.

To pay these, you can:

- Pay online (<https://www2.trinity.ox.ac.uk/>)
- Pay by bank transfer
- Pay in the Bursary by credit or debit card, cheque or cash

### 'Bod card'

Your Bodleian Library card ("Bod Card"), which doubles as the University / College swipe-card to give you access to Oxford's Colleges, faculties, and libraries can also be used as a pre-paid charge card in Trinity College. You can use your Bod Card to pay for meals in College and items from the Beer Cellar (Meals in Trinity can *only* be paid for with a 'Bod card', so keep yours handy).

You can top-up your Bod Card one of three ways:

- In the Bursary between 9.15 AM and 2 PM using card, cash or cheque
- In the beer cellar at lunch and during the evening using cash
- Online (<https://www2.trinity.ox.ac.uk/>)

### Beer Cellar

The beer cellar is located beneath Hall. It offers a range of snacks and drinks. All items are subsidised for students making it cheaper than other local establishments. You can also find table football, a TV, a jukebox, and plenty of comfy seating at the Beer Cellar. It is open on weekdays from 10.30 AM to 2 PM and from 6.30 PM to 11 PM. On Saturdays it is only open in the evenings and it is closed on Sundays. You can pay either by cash or with your Bod Card.

## Laundry

Trinity maintains a system of washing machines and dryers both on the main College site and on the off-site properties. A pre-paid laundry card is used, which is *not* the same as your Bod card. To acquire a card, visit the Porters' Lodge and use the wall-mounted machine there. The initial charge for the laundry card is £5, and you can top it up using £5 and £10 pound notes in a second machine located directly beneath the first. The cost for one load of washing/drying varies depending on the property. College laundry rooms are equipped with drying racks, airing cupboards, and ironing equipment. This is especially important, as College rules do not allow either drying racks or irons in student rooms.

## Financial Help

No matter how good your funding is, we all could use a little more money. Trinity offers a variety of grants, scholarships, and bursaries. These range from book and travel grants to a variety of subject-specific scholarships. The college website provides you with information about the various funding opportunities including amounts and eligibility criteria.

In the case of unexpected financial hardship, there are several possible options available to you, both from Trinity College and the University. If you have any concerns feel free to contact either the Estates Bursar ([christopher.ferguson@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:christopher.ferguson@trinity.ox.ac.uk)) or the Senior Tutor ([senior.tutor@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:senior.tutor@trinity.ox.ac.uk)), who will treat the matter confidentially and be able to provide guidance as to which option may be best for your particular situation.

- For more information about Postgraduate Grants and Awards:  
<http://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/support-and-welfare/postgraduate-financial-support/>
- For more information regarding Bursaries and Prizes:  
<http://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/cultural-travel-and-prizes/>

# Home Sweet Home

## Living in College Accommodation

If you are a new student joining Trinity College living in College Accommodation, here are a few things that will hopefully make your transition as smooth as possible.

### Accommodation

Trinity houses students at its main site on Broad Street, at three properties it owns on Woodstock Road, North Oxford (20 minutes walk from main site), or on Stanley Road, East Oxford (30 minutes walk). All rooms come with a bed, a sink, fridge, work desk, storage space and have internet connections. Some rooms may also have features like wood panelling and authentic historical features (which may be authentically cold in the winter), en suite bathrooms and other little quirks. Rooms on the main site are serviced by a 'scout', who will clean your room (vacuum, empty bins, clean bathrooms etc).

### Rent, Tenancy and Utilities

Trinity rents tend to be at the upper end of the collegiate scale. They range from roughly £2020 per term for the rooms on the main College site, to £1390 - £1825 per term in the other properties mentioned above (excluding utilities). As Oxford has three terms per academic year, multiply these figures by three and you will know what you would need to pay for the 9 month period (from the first week of October 2017 until third week of June 2018). For full details about rents for Trinity College properties, please contact the Accommodation Manager, Mandy Giles ([mandy.giles@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mandy.giles@trinity.ox.ac.uk)).

Utilities (gas and electricity) are charged separately on top of rent. The expected cost per year ranges between £200 and £250. These figures obviously depend on such things as weather, personal usage and the College property you live in, but can be used as a general guideline.

Trinity College's tenancy agreements last three academic terms rather than 12 months. If you intend to stay in Oxford over the summer, contact the Accommodation Manager in good time to discuss options; extensions are normally easy to arrange.

## Facilities

The MCR (the common room of the graduate student body) is located on the main College site in staircase 2.

Trinity College has a library on the main site that is open 24 hours a day. Computing and free printing facilities are also available 24 hours in the basement of the library and in staircase 5.

During term time, Trinity's dining hall serves 3 meals per day during the week and brunch and dinner on weekends. Trinity's on-site and offsite properties are all equipped with a shared kitchen and a laundry facility. You can acquire and top-up a laundry card at the Porter's Lodge.



# Students Living with a Partner

... and general Private Accommodation tips

By your Couples' Reps: Marc-Antoine and Justine

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*When we arrived in Oxford at the beginning of my course, my partner Justine and I were warmly welcomed by Trinity College, the MCR and the University. Nevertheless, we felt a need for further insiders' tips about day-to-day matters, especially about issues faced by students living in Oxford with a partner, off college main site. To address this, Justine gathered the following useful tips.*

*Marc-Antoine Fiset*

## Accommodation

Trinity College does not own flats for couples. Couples and families have to find something by themselves... While you search for a flat, bear in mind that Oxford is a marvellous city to live in: flats get quite expensive!

Possibility #1: You can rent a flat owned by the University. The application process is easy, but applications must be sent early, because flats are allocated on a first come, first served basis. You can find all the information on the *Graduate Accommodation Office* website. <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/graduateaccommodation/>

Possibility #2: If you do not want University accommodation, or if you are not successful in getting it, you must find private accommodation. Here are some tips.

- In the UK, most of the time, flat owners deal with letting agencies. What does this mean? Someone from an agency will visit the flat with you, help you with the documents, etc. When you rent your flat and when you renew it, you have to pay for the agency. You will



find the details in the contract.

- During the summer, the flat market is totally crazy. You have to write to the agency the minute you find something you like and indicate that you are really interested. Otherwise, the property might be allocated to someone else very quickly.
- The major problem about private accommodation is that you have to visit the flat that you want to rent in person (except for a share, normally). If you are living close to Oxford, it is a good idea to come in person to find a flat. If you are an international student, you can ask the agency to visit via Skype (they will say no, but you can try!). If you know somebody in Oxford or nearby, this person can visit the flat on your behalf. If you don't know anyone, you can contact the MCR; they will normally be able to help you.
- You might not be able to find the perfect place at the beginning. Upon arrival, it will be easier to find something that you truly like. It is good to keep in mind that tenancy agreements can terminate anytime in the year, so that there are always available flats on the market.
- Here are some websites where you can find accommodation. You can find others, but these are our favourites.
  - o Rightmove: <http://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-to-rent/Oxford.html>
  - o Zoopla: <http://www.zoopla.co.uk/to-rent/flats/oxford/>
  - o DailyInfo: <http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/homes-to-let>
  - o Gumtree: <https://www.gumtree.com/>

## Shops

If you are moving with your partner/spouse, you cannot live together in College. Therefore, the first thing you will probably do here is to shop for your flat! Here are noteworthy stores:

- Argos: This is an online shop. You can find everything you need for a very good price! It's the first place you should check. You can order online; your order will be ready for collection from within 5 minutes to 2 or 3 days. You can also shop with catalogues directly in store. Delivery available. <http://www.argos.co.uk/>
- Dunelm : It's a really big shop, a little bit outside of the city (you can walk (15 minutes from the railway station), bike or bus), where you can find everything for your flat. A good place for home decoration. You should go take a look, at least once! You can also shop online, reserve in store, and collect in person. Delivery is also available. <http://www.dunelm.com/> By the way, in the same area, you will find really interesting large shops for sports (Decathlon and Sports Direct), home and garden (Homebase), arts and craft (HobbyCraft),

- bikes and cars (Halfords), technology (Currys PC World), babies and children (Toys R Us), etc.
- Boswell : A large shop in the city centre. You can find a lot of things that you need for your flat, but, be careful, the prices are generally high. If you want to buy a little something in the city centre, it's a good place but, to fully furnish a flat, it's not the best place to go. Ask for the student discount. [www.boswells.co.uk/](http://www.boswells.co.uk/)
- Robert Dyas: A small shop in the city centre where you can find a lot of things for your flat. Like Boswell, the prices are not always the lowest, but you can have nice surprises. The best of this place? The basement! A small hardware store, very useful. Go have a look! <http://www.robertdyas.co.uk/>
- Debenhams: Large shop (clothes, beauty, home). Quality goods, but you will pay for it. <http://www.debenhams.com/>
- Ikea: This shop doesn't need introduction. The problem? It is far away... The good news? The normal delivery is £7.50. You can place an order and pay for the delivery, you will still save money. Be careful, the delivery takes up to 14 days, so don't buy stuff that you need urgently! <http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/>

If you want to pay less, you should shop in all those stores and find the best price for what you want, you will save a lot of money. If you want to save time, the best thing to do in order to have good value for your money is to compare Argos and Dunelm and buy at those two shops.

You can also find second hand items in various charity shops scattered around the city (<http://www.oxfordcityguide.com/ee2/index.php?/shop/directory-cats/C76/>), on Gumtree (<https://www.gumtree.com/>) and DailyInfo (<http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/homes-to-let>).

## Activities

Partners are more than welcome to the majority of MCR activities! They can stay informed about the MCR activities by being registered on the partners/spouses email list. Great idea to not miss any event! Get in touch if you are interested!

And if your partner wants to get more involved in college activities, he/she can become a MCR social member. With this membership, he/she will have many advantages of full-fledged MCR members, like a fob for College, access to the library and the MCR and the opportunity to participate in college sports & clubs, such as rowing.

Your partner/spouse can also participate to the *Newcomer's Club*. It is a club run by and for partners and spouses of people involved in the University. Every Wednesday, the club organizes a coffee morning. Great place to meet people. They organize some activities, such

as visits to the city, and some groups, such as conversation groups (to learn or improve English). They also have the *Opportunities group*, to help partners and spouses finding a job or a volunteering opportunity. <http://www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk/>

## Families

If you are here with children, the *Newcomer's Club* will be able to give you information about resources and opportunities. You should contact them, even just for tips. <http://www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk/>

# Food

...something for every taste

## Eating in College

Meals in College are served in Hall and paid for using your Bod Card which works on a pay-as-you-go basis. You can top it up in the bursary Mon-Fri 9.15 AM - 2 PM, in the beer cellar at lunch or in the evenings, or online (<https://www2.trinity.ox.ac.uk/>).

### Breakfast

For those of you who get up in time, breakfast is served 8 AM – 9 AM and offers a good Full English along with porridge, cereals, fresh fruit and pastries. A Full English breakfast costs about £2.50.

### Brunch

At weekends breakfast and lunch are replaced by brunch which runs between 10.30 AM -12.30 PM, offering the same selection as for breakfast.

### Lunch

Trinity lunches are exceptionally good by university standards and are very well attended. Turn up early and expect steak and ale pie/roast dinner/pasta/curry/ jacket potato/stir-fry, and various vegetarian options, salads and desserts. The price is seldom more than £4. There is often a queue at 12.30 PM.

### Dinner

Formal hall is held on Mondays, Wednesday and Sundays, with a special Guest Night on Fridays (see next section). Formal hall is a sit-down, 3 course meal at 7.00 PM that lasts no more than one hour. Most allergies and diets can be catered for. For this meal you must sign up on the website by noon on the day (you can sign up for meals up to 2 weeks ahead but will be charged if you don't attend and forget to unsign). Though the dress code is casual, gowns must be worn and shorts or lounge wear are not permitted. The College grace is said before dinner for which students have to stand up and be quiet. There is a fixed price of £4.22 (£6.81 for guests) for formal hall.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings there is a self-service dinner, much the same as lunch, available between 5.45 PM and 6.45 PM. No booking or gowns are required for these meals.

## Guest Night

Guest night takes place every Friday during term time at 7 PM. This four-course meal is a bit special - bring a guest or go with friends in College. There are only 120 spaces for students and it is very popular. The dress code is formal (lounge suits for men), and the price is £17.82 for students and guests. Sign up for dinners are open two weeks in advance. Guest night spots are often filled on the day of the sign up opening, so it's worth signing up promptly. Sign up for this closes at midday the day before, unlike normal formal which is midday on the day.



## Eating Out

### Breakfast

For those still suffering from the night before it is worth exploring the many cafes for an excellent fry-up. St Giles' Café, News Cafe, Heroes and Brown's Café have fry-ups. Café Crème and The Buttery offer a selection of breakfast sandwiches, pastries and strong coffees.

### Lunch

Oxford is full of sandwich shops so you can take your pick. To mention a few: Cafe Crème, Taylors, Mortons, Olive's, Alternative Tuck Shop (ATS) and Pret. For an alternative, Alpha Bar in the Covered Market makes salads to order. It is not unusual for students to subsist almost entirely on a diet of Paninis and coffee!

### Dinner

Try Turl Street Kitchen (TSK), GBK, Thali, Taberu, Angrid Thai, The Mission, Zizzi's, Pizza Express, Ask Italia, Yo! Sushi, Jamie's... the list is endless! (Check out the prices before you go in though). For vegetarians, The Gardener's Arms specialises in all things vegan and vegetarian.

## Cooking

There is one large kitchen on-site in Staircase 2 reserved for graduates who prefer cooking for themselves in College. You can find some cooking utensils and there are a few plates and cups in the MCR. Please remember to always clean up after you're done.

There are a few places nearby where you can buy your ingredients:

**SAINSBURY'S LOCAL** (Magdalen Street)  
Open Mon-Sun 7 AM until midnight although stock is often limited in the evenings or on the weekend

**TESCO METRO** (Magdalen Street, right next to Sainsbury's Local). Open from Mon-Sat 7 AM until midnight and Sun 11 AM – 5 PM. Offers a far larger selection than the Sainsbury's Local and is often cheaper. Queues at the check outs can be quite long during rush hours

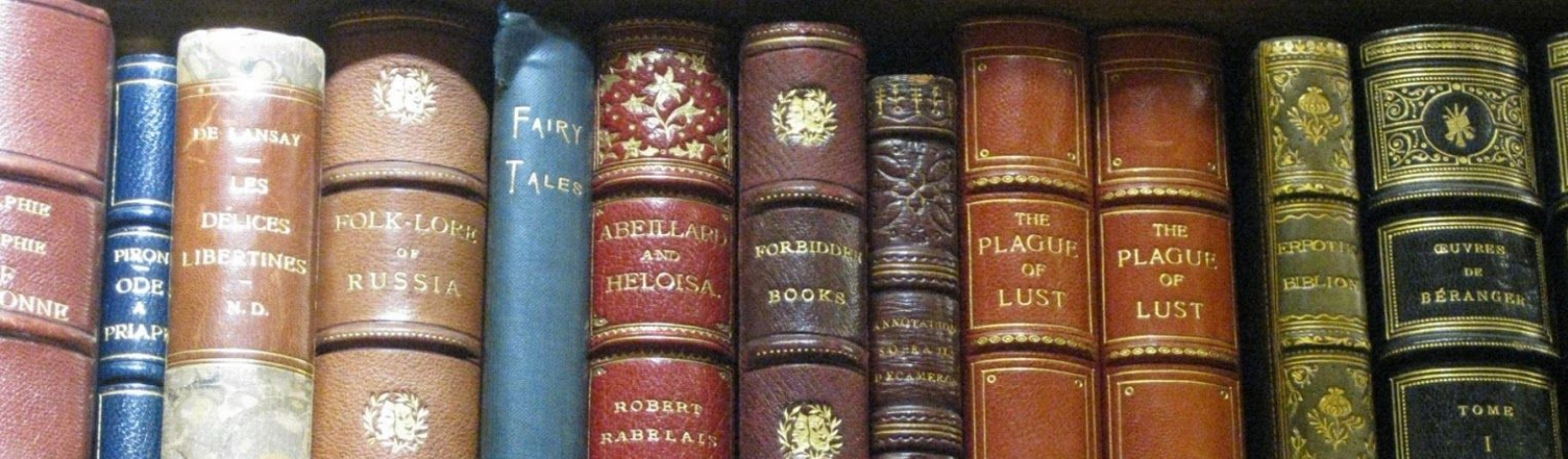
**FARMERS MARKET**  
A heaven for fresh ingredients. The weekly market at Gloucester Green operates every Wednesday from 9am - 5pm

**MARKS & SPENCER** (Queens Street)  
Good prepared meals, but pricier than Sainsbury's and Tesco. Open Mon-Sat 8 AM – 7 PM and Sun 11 AM to 5 PM

**CO-OP** (Walton Street) For the ethical. Not a vast selection but good value. Importantly it is open late on Sundays (8 PM) when most other grocery stores are closed

**TESCO** (Cowley Road) Handy for those living in East Oxford, open Mon-Sat 6 AM to midnight and Sun 11 AM – 5 PM

**COVERED MARKET** has an excellent butcher, bakery, fishmonger, cheese counter, vegetable and fruit counter and specialist food stores etc. but is expensive - one for special events



# Books

## @ Trinity College Library

The library will become a second (or first) home for some of you. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to all Trinity students, it has more than 56,000 books, across a wide variety of degree subjects. To borrow books from Trinity Library, or any of the Oxford Libraries including the Bodleian, you need your Bodleian (Bod) Card. This is the same card you use for meals in Hall, and University ID. Collect this as soon as you arrive in Oxford – it is the key to nearly everything Oxford!

In addition to the formal library catalogued resources, there is also an informal loan collection of novels and leisure reading which is shelved next to the quiet study area in the library basement. Books in this section are not part of the library stock and can just be taken and returned on an honour system. We are always looking for donations for this collection, so as you finish with different books, we are happy to add them to the lending collection!

For work purposes, there are a number of computers available, and facilities for scanning, CD writing, free printing/photocopying and a large number of network and power sockets for students to use their own laptops. There is also a group study space outside the library near the book return box. All online library databases that can be reached through the central Bodleian facility (called OxLIP) can be accessed from any computer in any student room in College. The library is also fully covered by wireless access to the University network. The Library Website is here: <http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/trinity>. This website shows you where and how to use library resources, including subject guides and online journal and resource searches.

In addition to Trinity College Library, there is the network of specialist subject libraries which are available as part of the Bodleian network. The Bodleian Library, located over the road from Trinity, is the central research library for the Humanities at the University of Oxford. It is one of approximately 30 libraries that form [Bodleian Libraries](#), Oxford University's library service. There are a number of library orientation tours which are held at Trinity, and also through your Departments and the specialist libraries. It is definitely worth attending one of these in your first week.

Sharon Cure is our College Librarian, who is great at helping with questions/queries. If there are

resources that the library doesn't have that you require, it's definitely worth sending an email to Sharon. While she can't buy every book, every time, Sharon does her best to help out. She can be reached at [sharon.cure@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sharon.cure@trinity.ox.ac.uk). If you have any questions about the library, or library resources, feel free to send an email to MCR Library Rep.



# Green, Greener, Trinity

## Recycling at Trinity

As a College, we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint and increase our recycling practices. Trinity College has several recycling facilities at all student accommodation sites. For batteries, electronics, textiles, glass, and metal, there are specific locations on site for recycling these materials. General waste and recycling bins are located throughout Trinity College and off site properties. In the MCR, and all on-site student rooms, additional recycling bins are provided which are emptied by our Scouts several times per week. In Oxford, cardboard and paper, newspapers, plastic packaging, drink cartons, and metal foil can all be recycled in one bin. Special items (batteries, glass, metal, electronics, clothing) have special bins in College.

## MCR Vegetable Garden

In 2017, the MCR Committee with the support of the College Head Gardener, Paul Lawrence, have started a vegetable garden. We plan to grow vegetables, herbs and fruit to use in meals at College. All MCR members are encouraged to get involved and work a small plot in the vegetable garden above the library.

## Energy Saving

There are many things students can do to help reduce the carbon footprint and energy usage of our College. Since the introduction of utilities charges in Michaelmas 2012, you will specifically want to keep your energy and gas usage minimal. Some heating systems in College might be different to what you are used to, so if you need any help, just ASK! Report all easily fixed problems e.g. windows not closing to [maintenance@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:maintenance@trinity.ox.ac.uk) as soon as you discover them.

## Printing and Paper Consumption

Printing at Trinity properties is free to all College members. While this can be very helpful and kind to your budget, please be mindful of your paper waste. When you print, always try to do so on DRAFT to save ink and energy. Also, print double-sided to save paper. Instead of throwing away any paper, always remember to recycle!

## Contact

Please feel free to contact the MCR's Environmental Representative.

# IT

## ...there's more than an email address

College have prepared their own information on IT facilities, which includes most of the information that you'll need on connecting and using your computer at Trinity. However, there are a few MCR specific things that might be useful to know.

### MCR Website

This is your first port of call for finding out anything to do with the MCR. It has our events calendar, a link to the hall signup and pretty much all the information about the MCR that you could ever wish to know. It can be found at <http://www.trinitymcr.com>

### MCR Facebook Group

As well as the events calendar on the MCR website, many of the events go up on our facebook group. The facebook group is a great place to ask other MCR members any questions you might have. It can be found by searching for "[Trinity College MCR](#)" on facebook.

### MCR Mailing list

The main MCR mailing list will be used to send out MCR announcements. It is only accessible by the MCR Committee. You should be signed up to the mailing lists automatically, but if you think you might accidentally not have been added, please contact the MCR president and they'll be happy to sort it out for you. All MCR contact information can be found at the back of this handbook.

# Things to do

## MCR Occasions throughout the year

### Exchange dinners

There are approximately two each term and spaces are limited. Every exchange dinner consists of two legs. On the away leg you get to have dinner and drinks at another college and meet a group from their MCR. The same group is then hosted at Trinity for the home leg. It's always really good fun and a great opportunity to get to know other colleges and MCRs. The charge for both legs is £20; for this you get two evenings comprising a drinks reception, three courses with wine, second dessert and great conversation. A sign-up email is sent out in advance. You should try to make at least one exchange dinner during your time at Oxford!

### Pizza night

Every Tuesday at 7.00 pm the Welfare Officer provides free pizza for you in the MCR. It's always very social and an ideal midweek recovery. No need to have dinner that evening!

### Movie night and cake

On Sunday nights after dinner, the Welfare Officer provides cake (and other snacks) and screens a movie in the MCR. Often these cakes are home-made by MCR members. Movie night began informally with MCR members getting together to watch a movie and enjoy the last of the weekend, but is now an official MCR event!

### Bops

This is Oxford jargon for fancy-dress (costume) parties. Trinity MCR has two each term, starting with the Bop at the end of Fresher's week. The theme for the first Bop is 'DRESS AS WHAT YOU DO' - ie come as your master's, doctorate, etc.. So maybe go through your wardrobe before leaving for Oxford. Many other colleges organise bops, St. Anthony's, Linacre and Green Templeton are usually very good.

### MCR Gala dinner

There will be lots of building up to the Gala dinner until it finally happens in Trinity term on the Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Nothing you will hear in advance is an exaggeration, it is a truly great night. Clear your diaries early on, it's not to be missed!

# Things to do

## From a cup of coffee to a drink

### Bars and Pubs

- King's Arms: Commonly known as 'The K.A.', this establishment is the central meeting place for many Oxford students. Located a mere stone's throw away from Trinity, this is a great place to have a pint after class or to head to for a post-exchange dinner after party. Hugh Grant comes here often – 'nuff said.
- Turf Tavern: Legend has it that this is where Bill Clinton infamously 'did not inhale'. Good venue for outdoor drinks during the summer or a cosy pint during the winter. Beware of trying to find it if you haven't been there before and you've had a couple of drinks already.
- Eagle & Child: This used to be Tolkien's favourite watering hole. Though there is no guarantee that the beer will make you see hobbits or the Ring of All Power, it's still a nice joint to have a pint in.
- The Trout: Having family or friends over on Sunday? The Trout is a decent walk away from town, going through Port Meadow, but the food, views and atmosphere are well worth it.
- Head of the River: Located right on the Isis, this is a great place to have a pint after rowing or to head to for drinks after class.
- Jericho Tavern: The ideal bar to kick-off a night out in Jericho.
- Gardner's Arms: This pub makes vegetarian food that is so good it has converted a couple of carnivores to the cause. The beers are decent too.
- Raoul's: Best cocktails in Oxford.
- Grand Café: Also a decent cocktail venue and serves a delicious high tea.

### Clubs

- Purple Turtle: The home of bad decisions - people usually end up here when they are having a big night. It is filthy, dirty, sweaty and completely brilliant (at the time...).
- The Bridge: It's mayhem over multiple floors and always good fun.
- Park End: The craziest place in central Oxford to dance it up with sweaty undergrads with awesome music being played way too loud across several dance floors and bars. The club is technically called "Lava Ignite" or something along those lines, but is still known to old hands as Park End.

## Cafés

- Turl Street Kitchen: A social enterprise located across the street from Trinity, go here for an excellent meal and feel less guilty about the chocolate cake you have for desert by knowing proceeds go to charity and all ingredients are organic and locally sourced.
- The Missing Bean: Best coffee in Oxford and just down the road from Trinity.
- Alpha Bar: Fantastic health food café with scrumptious food and good coffee. Just watch out for the queues over lunch time.
- Moo Moo's: This stall in the Covered Market sells milk-shakes that will change your life!
- Old Parsonage: Good food, good wine and good scenery – head here for a date or just to relax in a beautiful and luxurious environment.
- G & D's: Head here for the most delicious ice-cream and sorbet in Oxford. Also a good place to head for a coffee after catching a movie.
- Brown's: A more upmarket café for a more sophisticated feel.

## Miscellaneous

- Movies: There are two Odeon theatres in the city centre and two alternative film houses, one in Jericho (The Phoenix) and another in East Oxford (Ultimate Picture Palace).
- Live Music: For classical music concerts, the Holywell Music Room (the oldest purposed built music hall in Europe!), the Sheldonian Theatre, St John the Evangelist Church and the Jacqueline du Pré music building at St Hilda's all put on high quality concerts throughout the year. A number of colleges also put on excellent lunchtime and evening concerts in their chapels. For something more modern, both the O2 Academy in Cowley and the New Theatre in George Street offer concerts from upcoming and current artists.
- Fireworks: Head to South Parks on Guy Fawkes Night for a world class fireworks display.
- Evensong: Christ Church has a good reputation, as well as New College.
- University Parks: Great place for a picnic, a friendly game of touch rugby or simply to stroll around when you're busy being introspective or having a post-existentialist crisis.

# Sports

## Go Trinity!

In between being in the lab/library/lectures and the amazing social life Trinity and Oxford have to offer, there is still some time. But most people don't use it for sleep. They do sports instead!

It doesn't matter if you used to be in every sports team in your previous university or if you don't particularly have good hand-eye coordination required for most sports – you will still find something for you at Oxford. Taking part in College sport is a great way to meet new people and mingle with undergraduate students. It is also a great way to keep you fit, considering we do spend a lot of time sitting down with books and laptops.

**Rowing** It is an important part of life in Oxford. Before coming here most students know about the Oxford-Cambridge race each year on the Thames, but most of you won't know how big this sport is amongst the students in Oxford. Trinity College Boat Club (TCBC) is a lively and fun group of people who have decided it is a good idea to get up incredibly early and do some sport. Regardless of past experience or not, anyone can join rowing. At the end of each term, there are big rowing regattas in which crews from each College compete hoping to achieve so called 'blades'. The events are a lot of fun- especially when the weather is nice and your friends come to the riverbank to cheer for your College. Also, check YouTube for 'TCBC' clips- it might just become another reason to join.

**Croquet** It is a very seasonal sport in Oxford as it is played only in Trinity term (April-June) and the summer break. If you think of Alice in Wonderland- they played croquet too (although we don't use flamingos). The yearly inter-college 'croquet cuppers' is probably the biggest sporting event ever held at Oxford University (2048 participants in 2017). Croquet is a great way to spend your summer in Oxford, whether you just want to chill out and knock some balls about in the sun with a pitcher of 'Pimms' or you're aiming for a Blue in this classically Oxonian sport.

If you are not into any of those sports than you might be interested in:

Football, Basketball, Tennis, Squash, Athletics, Hockey, Netball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket or Rugby

All these sports have followers in Trinity and we have College teams that like to get as many members as possible. Again, your proficiency in the sport is not important; if you are keen- you are in. If you are just a fan- the big football or rugby matches always have a crowd of 'Trinitarians' watching and supporting our college too. On the other hand, if you are particularly good in a sport, you can always join Oxford University teams and hope for a Blue or Half-Blue by representing your university in a sport. So, all in all, it doesn't matter if you are a sports freak and want to wear lycra everyday (which is perfectly acceptable here) or you want to get muddy playing rugby or Frisbee or even if you want to spend your afternoon with a classy drink and a scone in your hand- Trinity has always something to offer.



## Trinity Sporting Facilities

- Trinity Main Site: College has a small gym and a squash court. Croquet can be played on the lawns during Trinity Term.
- Nunnery Gym: The Nunnery has a brand new gym with rowing machines, a treadmill, weights and open floor space.
- Trinity Sports Complex (Marston Road): The college football, tennis courts, rugby and cricket fields are located here.
- Trinity Boat House: Located on the northern bank of the Isis, this is the home of Trinity rowing and also hosts fantastic barbeques on race days.
- University Gym (Iffley Road Complex): The central University sporting facilities. Has a cardio section, weights section, basketball courts, dojo, swimming pool, athletics track, rowing tank, hockey fields, rugby field, football fields, etc (a discounted student membership is available).
- University Club: It has a vast array of TVs to watch sport on, a reasonable cantering, a decent gym and a mini football pitch.
- Oxford United Football Club: Head here if you fancy watching some live football.
- North Oxford Golf Course: A decent course that offers student discounts and is only a short bus ride away if you are feeling in the mood for a round.

# I'm packing my suitcase with...

## Things that will make your life easier

Before you arrive at Trinity you might want to think what you actually have to take with you. There are some things that you might not have thought of that might make your life here just a bit easier. Of course this is not a complete list, but don't worry, Oxford has a good collection of shopping facilities.

### Clothes

In addition to regular clothing, Oxford has a wide range of events and occasions which are part of college and student life which have particular dress codes attached.

- Sub Fusc: While you will buy your cap, gown and tie here when you arrive, you may want to bring the plain white shirt/blouse and black trousers/skirt/stockings/socks and black shoes with you.
- Smart Casual clothing: There will be a number of times when you need smart casual clothing, which usually means no denim, and for gentlemen could be trousers and a nice shirt, and for ladies nice trousers or skirt and a blouse/nice dress. This will be for day-time events or some meetings at college
- Cocktail attire: Friday Guest Night dinners in hall are officially cocktail attire. There are a range of events, receptions, dinners and talks which often require cocktail attire.
- Black tie: There will be some black tie events. These events usually fall in Trinity Term, and include various college Balls, and the MCR Gala Dinner. Black tie means floor length dresses for girls.

There are a number of places in Oxford where you can buy any missing attire, including some great second-hand shops for anyone on a limited budget.

### House and Home

- Towels
- Sheets
- Duvet cover (note: these are easy to buy for international students with baggage limits...)



- Any additional pillows you might like (at least one is provided).
- Kitchens do come with some communal supplies such as saucepans/frying pans. If it's easy to bring particular cooking implements that you'd like then do so, otherwise see what is available already and whether there is a way you can share some things with your new housemates.

## Vital Documents

- Passport/Recognised ID (especially for international students setting up bank accounts or trying to get into a Pub)
- Additional passport photos
- Any medication you are on
- Any medical information or records you will need to share with your physician (especially for international students)
- Any and all Visa information or documentation

## Computer

There are computers, scanners, printers and photocopiers for student use in the computer rooms in College. However, most people bring their own laptops - college provides free printing and internet via the college network, which you connect to via the network socket in your room.

## Other things you know you'll miss

- Raincoat
- Umbrella
- Power adaptors (for international students)
- A blanket

# Bicycles

The main College site is so close to the centre of town that this is not essential, but for those who live offsite a bike is invaluable. Also, don't forget your helmet and bike-lights. It is a legal requirement to use bike lights while biking in Oxford at night.

And the one essential rules about bikes in Oxford: If the lock costs more than the bike you've done it right! Sadly bike theft happens on an almost daily basis in Oxford so unless you are training for the Varsity races, get the worst looking bike you can possibly get, that will still let you go places.

### Where to get a bike:

The Daily Info website keeps an up-to-date list of bike shops in Oxford at <http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/oxford/guide/bikes>. Their list covers a mixture of bike shops that offer new bikes, second-hand bikes and bike repair services. The Daily Info also have a section on their website where people can buy and sell second-hand bikes, so this is also a resource worth looking at: <http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/bikes>. Each year, Trinity also carries out a bike cull of abandoned bikes left on college property and some of these bikes may be passed on. The lodge will have the details of any of these.

### Bike Theft is Common: Be sure to lock up carefully and register your bike

Unfortunately, bike crime is very common across the city. A key piece of advice is to invest in a good quality lock and make sure to lock up your bike to an immovable object when you are leaving it anywhere. As a university student, you can avail of a discounted Gold standard secure D-Lock from either the student union (located on Worcester Street) or the university security services (located in the science quarter off South Parks Road), which is 50 % of what such a lock retails at.

Registering your bike under the University Cycle Registration Scheme is also worthwhile as it increases the likelihood of getting your bike back should it be stolen. For more information on this, you can contact the University Security Services at 01865 272944. Additionally, you should also register your bike at the college lodge to ensure it does not get removed during college bike culls.

The Thames Valley Police provide a useful resource with tips and information for helping to prevent having your bike stolen and it is worth a read: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crime-prevention/vehicle-security/bike-theft](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crime-prevention/vehicle-security/bike-theft)

### Legal Requirements: Wear Bike Lights

It is a legal requirement to have both front and rear bike lights on while cycling after sunset. As well as increasing your own safety and the safety of fellow road users, the police regularly check this and will issue you with a fine if you are caught cycling while it is dark without lights. Like the discounted D-Lock previously mentioned, discounted bike lights can be purchased from the student union or the university security services.

### Cycle Training for Beginners:

Finally, while quite a lot of people will know how to cycle prior to coming to Oxford, there are many students who do not. The National Cycling Charity provide a list of qualified cycle instructors in the area who meet national standards for anyone who wishes to learn: [http://www.ctc-maps.org.uk/training/by\\_location/list?place=oxford&lat=51.752021&lng=-1.257726](http://www.ctc-maps.org.uk/training/by_location/list?place=oxford&lat=51.752021&lng=-1.257726).

# The MCR Committee

For information on this year's MCR committee, visit the MCR website <http://www.trinitymcr.com>. We are proud to be your Committee and we are looking forward to an amazing year with you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us (see "how to contact the MCR"). Let us know if you have any ideas for events etc., as we are happy to try and make your favourite things happen within the MCR.

## The MCR Reps

Besides the executive committee, the MCR also appoints representatives that will look after very specific fields (e.g sports, diversity, environment, IT, etc). Contact them if you have any specific interests. If you feel that the MCR needs a Rep for a new issue or aspect of college life, you are welcome to propose it and volunteer! For more information on all of them visit the MCR website <http://www.trinitymcr.com>.

# How to contact the MCR



The onsite MCR is located in staircase 2.



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For a list of all the people involved in College please go to <http://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/> under "The College – Staff".



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If you want to join the MCR mailing lists please send an email to the MCR President.



The Lodge: +44 (0)1865 279900



Group: [Trinity College MCR](#)



<http://www.trinitymcr.com>

# Appendix ABC

## ... or how to understand Oxford Jargon

It can be confusing when you first arrive in Oxford. Having 'come up' for the first time you don't know the 'lodge' from 'hall' and have no idea when 'minus first week' is. Hopefully this guide should explain all of the Oxford jargon that you'll come across.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. weeks

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. week after the start of full term.

0th week (noughth week)

The week before the first week of full term.

Minus 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. weeks

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. weeks before 0<sup>th</sup> week.

Battel

A college bill or invoice. Also to charge (or be charged) to your college account, as in 'Can you battel me for that?'

Blue

Award for competing in the Varsity match in certain major sports. University team members in minor sports get Half Blues.

The Bod

Short for 'Bodleian Library', the main library at Oxford University. Librarians themselves often call it 'Bodley', after its benefactor Thomas Bodley (1545-1613).

Bod Card

Another name for University Card. Your Bod card is your Oxford ID card and key to all the libraries in Oxford.

Bop

Fancy dress parties regularly organised by the JCR and MCR.

Bump

Because the river is too narrow for boats to race next to each other, in rowing competitions at Oxford (and also at Cambridge), boats start at regular intervals along the river based on their results in previous years. A bump occurs when the boat behind catches up to the boat in front (but preferably does not actually hit it).

Collections

Internal college exams set by Tutors at the beginning of each term to see if their undergraduates learned anything the previous term or did any work in the vac(ation). Graduate students are often paid to invigilate collections.

College

Any one of the thirty eight independent and self-governing colleges that along with the six Permanent Private Halls (PPH – see below) make up the University. All students must belong to one of them.

Come up

To arrive as a student at Oxford, and to return each term. See also 'go down' and 'sent down'.

Commoner

An undergraduate student who does not have a scholarship or exhibition.

Congregation

The legislative body consisting of most of the academics and senior academic-related staff in the University.

Convocation

All holders of Oxford degrees (originally restricted to those holding MAs). Members of Convocation elect the Chancellor and Professor of Poetry.

Cuppers

Intercollegiate competitions in many sports.

Division

Broad academic area in which departments are grouped. There are four divisions at Oxford: Humanities; Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences; Medical Sciences; and Social Sciences.

The Dean

	A college officer responsible for student discipline and good order. Most colleges also have Junior Deans who are usually graduate students.
Don	A college fellow.
DPhil	Doctor of Philosophy; the same as a PhD anywhere else (except the Other Place).
Eights	Intercollegiate boat race held in Trinity term.
Encaenia	Ceremony at the end of Trinity term when honorary degrees are awarded.
Entz	Short for entertainments. Any social events organised in college.
Exhibition	Like a scholarship, only less.
Fellow	See Don. Member of the Governing Body of a college.
Formal Hall	A three-course served meal in hall for which you wear your gown. It takes place Sunday to Thursday during full term.
Gaudy	A college reunion for alumni.
Go down	Leave Oxford at the end of each term, or permanently at the end of your course. Opposite of 'come up'.
Governing Body	Sometimes abbreviated to 'GB'. The collective name for the fellows of the college who meet weekly during term to consider all matters of college policy and governance. The MCR President joins them every two weeks.
Hall	Main college dining room; also refers to meals themselves.
Head of House	The head of a college. Depending on the college heads are known variously as Dean (Christ Church), Master (Balliol, Pembroke, St Catherine's, St Cross, St Peter's, Univ), President (Corpus Christi, Kellogg, Magdalen, St John's, Templeton, Trinity, Wolfson), Principal (Brasenose, Green Templeton, Harris Manchester, Hertford, Jesus, LMH, Linacre, Mansfield, St Anne's, St Edmund Hall, St Hilda's, St Hugh's, Somerville), the Provost (Oriel, Queen's Worcester), Rector (Exeter, Lincoln) or Warden (All Souls, Keble, Merton, New, Nuffield, St Antony's, Wadham).
Head of the River	Glorious title for the winning crew (and thus their college) at Torpids or Eights. Also the name of the pub at Folly Bridge, near the race finish.
High Table	Dinner for members of the college SCR and their guests only, derived from the fact that the table that is used in Hall is higher than the others (by a single, symbolic step).
Hilary	Spring term. (cf. Michaelmas and Trinity)
The Isis	The part of the River Thames that flows through Oxford.
JCR	Short for Junior Common Room. (cf. MCR and SCR). 1. The college's student body for undergraduate and visiting students; 2. An actual common room.
MA	Master of Arts. At Oxford this is a ceremonial degree - but it still seems to impress people. Twenty-one terms after undergraduates matriculate upon payment of a small fee, their BAs become MAs.
Matriculation	Ceremony in the Sheldonian to confer membership of the University, usually when you first begin your course of study.
May morning	1st May. An early morning street party in Oxford, beginning at 6am with the choir of Magdalen College singing from the Tower.
MCR	If you don't know this one by now go back to page 1.
Michaelmas	Autumn term. (cf. Hilary and Trinity)
Mods	Short for 'Moderations'. First undergraduate public examinations, normally taken at the end of the first year. A class is awarded but it doesn't count towards (or against) finals.

Mortar-board	An academic cap with a hard flat square top and a tassel in the middle. Normally carried not worn. Women may wear a soft cap if they prefer.
The Other Place	Cambridge.
OUSU (pronounced ow-zoo)	Oxford University Students Union.
Oxford Blue	The University's dark blue colour. The Other Place has a pale blue for its colour.
Pidge /Pigeonhole	Your mailbox in the Lodge.
Pidge / Pigeon post	Free post, carried by messengers to all colleges and institutions in the University. To pidge someone is to send pigeon post.
Porter	Friendly people at the front door of each college. New and visiting students need to know they are porters as in the Latin for gate rather than the Latin for carry. First line of contact for any crises or emergencies.
The Porter's Lodge/The Lodge	A college's front entrance where the Porters sit guarding the gates.
PPH	Permanent Private Hall. The six Permanent Private Halls all have religious foundations. These are not full colleges of the University, but their students matriculate at the University and at many of the PPHs study for degrees in a range of subjects, not just theology.
Prelims	Short for 'Preliminaries'. Generally undergraduates reading one of the sciences take Prelims at the end of their first year.
Presidential Collections	Nothing to do with "Collections" (see above). This is not an exam, but your annual meeting with the President and Senior Tutor of your College, who want to know about your academic progress and your other interests.
Proctors	Officials in charge of University regulation and discipline. Proctors are in charge of university exams and also perform a number of ceremonial roles.
Punt	Wide, flat bottomed boat propelled by a pole.
Quad	Short for 'quadrangle'. Traditional Oxford colleges are organised around a series of rectangular or square courtyards, e.g. Front Quad, Chapel/Durham Quad , Garden Quad at Trinity.
Rusticated	To be sent down temporarily.
Schools	Short for Examination Schools, both the building and the exams themselves.
Scout	Cleaning personnel of the College who also look after student rooms.
SCR	Senior Common Room - for the Principal and Fellows, College Lecturers and others including academic visitors. (cf. JCR and MCR)
Sent down	To be expelled by the University or college. See also 'come up' and 'go down'.
Sub fusc	Dark suit, white bow tie, gown, and mortarboard, required dress for men at matriculation, exams and degree ceremonies. Women's dress is similar, except they may wear skirts and a soft cap instead of the mortarboard, and require a black string tie. Since 2012 the gender specifications have been removed.
Stacks	Where the books are mainly kept in large major libraries. You aren't allowed into the stacks in the main Bod but must order your books to be brought to you instead.
Stash	Anything that expresses your college, club, society, production, or sports team affiliations, e.g. hoodies, t-shirts, polo shirts, underwear.
Supplicate	Ask for a degree to be conferred at a degree ceremony. E.g. candidates who satisfactorily complete a DPhil are granted 'Leave to supplicate', meaning they have passed.
Torpids	Inter-collegiate boat race held in Hilary term.

Trinity Summer term. (c.f. Hilary and Michaelmas) Also our college.  
Tute / Tutorial Weekly meeting between undergraduates and Tutor.  
The Union The University debating society, founded in 1823.  
Vac Short for vacation. Oxford has three: Christmas vac, Easter vac and the Long vac.  
Varsity Match Sporting fixture between Oxford and Cambridge.  
Viva Short for *Viva Voce*: an oral exam