



Lincoln College
Middle Common Room
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Dear Graduate Freshers,

Let me be the first one to welcome you to the Lincoln College Middle Common Room (MCR), the College's graduate community. Lincoln was the first Oxford college to establish an association for its graduate community, and we pride ourselves not only on representing half of Lincoln's student population, but also in playing a valuable role in the social life of the College. In addition to our membership, the MCR is also a set of rooms that offers a friendly, communal area within the college for members to gather. These rooms are open for your use 24 hours a day, as well as to any Associate Member (such as your spouse), and is home to a television, a Wii game station, some board games, as well as a selection of daily papers, a computer and our beloved coffee maker!

The MCR Committee and I are an elected body that represents graduate interests in dealing with the College and the University. We work alongside the undergraduates of the Junior Common Room (JCR), the College fellows of the Senior Common Room (SCR), and College staff to provide a positive academic and personal environment.

The MCR Committee also is responsible for organising all the social events in College, starting with the intense Freshers' Week, held from October 4th – 10th. This week is filled with social events to help you get familiar with Oxford and make new friends. Do try to be in residence by October 3rd as this is the most social time of the year and will allow you to settle in. During this week, you will have time to set up bank accounts, get a mobile phone, and figure out your favourite sandwich shop before term starts.

Upon your arrival, members of the MCR will be here to welcome you and answer your questions. Please let College know your date and approximate time of arrival, particularly if you are an international student arriving early. This will allow the MCR to have a student waiting for you in the Porter's Lodge or leave information important for your arrival. Additionally, MCR students will be hosting a "Coffee Hour" in the MCR each evening during the first week of arrival. Drop in and ask a returning student where to buy bed linen, find the best pint in town, or just to say hi.

Most of all, stay calm! It doesn't take long to figure out who the Bursar is, what a Scout does, what Matriculation involves, and all the other questions you're likely to have. The enclosed guide will help you prepare before leaving home and explain what to do once you're here. Also, check out the MCR website (www.lincolnmcr.co.uk), which has good advice on travel and arrival, as well as up-to-date documents.

Once again, welcome onboard! I am looking forward to meeting you in Michaelmas Term 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Xavier Droux
MCR President

Get in contact with the MCR Committee

Whether you're deciding what to pack or which bus to take, getting ready to come to Oxford can be confusing, and your MCR Committee is available to answer questions before your arrival. Below you will find your committee contact person next to the letter with which your last name begins. Committee members are good sources of information, and if they don't know the answer, they should be able to point you to someone who does.

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Website Information

Please take some time to consult the MCR and the College Websites, as they are invaluable information resources about arrival details, what your room may look like, and they offer advice for international students. Pay particular attention to the "Life at Lincoln" section and the "Moving in" and "FAQs" pages.

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