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LMH MCR website: http://lmhmcr.wordpress.com/
Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmhmcr/
Graduate Freshers Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/539492510060702/
Twitter: @LMH_MCR
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What is an Alternative Guide?
Welcome to Oxford! Welcome to LMH! Maybe even, welcome to the UK? We know that moving can be stressful and starting a new university has a mixture of excitement and nerves. This guide is written by graduate students of LMH, for graduate students of LMH.

To help in the stressful weeks leading up to and beyond your arrival here, this guide addresses a broad range of issues including questions from “where to live” and “what to eat”, to “where are we going dancing tonight” and “where can I get a drink in this town”? Oxford’s Alternative Guides, of which we are sure this is, without a doubt, the best, cater to the specifically unique needs of the university’s graduate populace!

What is a college?
Unlike most universities, where postgraduates are only affiliated with a department, all students and fellows at the University of Oxford are also affiliated with a college. Many Colleges organize their members into three “Common Rooms”: the Junior Common Room (JCR), usually for undergraduates, Middle Common Room (MCR), usually for postgraduates, and Senior Common Room (SCR), for academic staff. Colleges provide a broad swath of amenities, including libraries, dining halls, gyms, chapels, bars, classrooms, lecture theatres, and housing, and support on matters including welfare, social life, and financial issues. They are also a great place to make new friends!

The Middle Common Room (MCR)
The term MCR or Middle Common Room, is used to refer to both the Lady Margaret Hall graduate student body and to a common, physical space used by these students. The MCR, via its Executive Committee and representatives, is responsible for organising entertainment and events, supporting its members with information and advice, and representing the interests of graduate students to the College.

Most importantly, it is a place to relax and make friends. One of the best places to do so is the physical MCR space, currently located at the bottom of the Clore Graduate Centre and comprised of a lounge/dining area, kitchen, and TV room.

All graduate students admitted to LMH automatically become members of the MCR. We charge a membership cost of £20 per year which helps us pay for events for members ranging from the seven straight days of freshers’ week events, to brunches, theatre trips, dinners, parties and many other things. You can opt-out of this by getting in touch with the MCR Secretary (secretary-mcr@lmh.ox.ac.uk) within the first two weeks of Michaelmas term.

The Common Room
The Common Room features many facilities. Among other things, you can probably find:
1. A kitchen stocked with common cooking utensils, tea, coffee, and biscuits.
2. A large, flat-screen television complete with Blu-ray player, DVD player, Sonos sound system, Freeview, Netflix and an extensive collective of movies and TV shows.
3. Game consoles (including, at last count, an XBOX 360, an XBOX One and a Nintendo Wii) and dozens of games.
5. A table-football and table tennis tables, dartboard, board games, tennis racquets, footballs, Frisbees, and other sports equipment.
6. MCR student lockers.
The TV room has comfy sofas, armchairs, and bean-bags. The main section of the MCR has a long dining table and seating area (with its own couch and chairs). We even have outdoor dining tables and chairs, which are a great way to make the most of the good weather and the LMH gardens.

The MCR Committee
All MCR members are invited to MCR general meetings, usually twice per Term, where we discuss and decide on matters relating to College life and update you on our plans. We would love to see you there! The MCR’s Committee is made up of a number of executive and non-executive members, all of whom are students. Becoming an elected (executive) member or voluntary (i.e. non-executive) rep is a great way to give a little back to the graduate community, be actively involved in college life, and add a great looking line to your CV.

The Executive Committee currently comprises eight members: two presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, one female and one male welfare officer, and two social secretaries. These positions are voted upon near the end of Michaelmas term and serve for a calendar year, while non-executive positions can be filled at any time and require less time commitment. Specific responsibilities vary within the Committee, but their job is to represent graduate students’ interests to college, provide social and welfare events, and generally ensure the MCR is a friendly, welcoming place for us all.

Representatives ("Reps" for short) are appointed by the executive committee. They require no election and their roles are normally more specific less time intensive but are no less important to the smooth operation of the MCR. Freshers are more than welcome to volunteer! Get in touch with Serene (Secretary) if you’re interested.

Non-Executive Committee Positions (Representatives/Reps)
- MCR Rep
- Sports Rep
- Academic Rep
- BAME Rep
- Equalities Rep
- Beer & Wine Rep
- Ball Rep
- Green Rep
- Library Rep
- LGBTQIA+ Rep
- Chapel & Choir Rep
- IT Rep
- Bar Rep

The Committee is always happy to receive suggestions and criticisms. If you are not sure who is the best person to get in touch with, either pick at random – at which point you will be pointed to the right person – or get in touch with the Presidents.

We are even happier when someone would like to join the team – let us know if you want to be involved! If there’s a specific post you’re interested in, do get in touch with the current holder, we’d love to chat.
Executive Committee elections happen towards the end of Michaelmas, and again, Freshers are highly encouraged to run (many of us in the current committee started in our first year). The official announcement with details of the self-nomination protocol will be made sometime mid-term.
Current (2020-2021) Executive Committee

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Secretary
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Treasurer
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Arriving at LMH

Depending on where you are travelling from, you may need to self-isolate upon arrival to LMH. The list of countries is subject to change. Guidance will be given directly by College, please get in touch with The Accommodation Team if you have questions. [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors)

Getting to the UK

Oxford is about 60 miles (ca. 95 kilometres) northwest of London and 80 miles (ca. 130 kilometres) south of Birmingham. The closest airports are London Heathrow and Birmingham, but Gatwick and Luton are also well connected to the city and take about the same amount of time to get to Oxford from. There are regular bus services from these airports to Oxford that you can check at [http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/](http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/). There is a direct train connection between Birmingham International and Oxford.

London Stansted is connected to Oxford via a National Express bus route, but this trip regularly takes between three and five hours (with a stopover and bus change in London). If you do have to travel from Stansted, consider sorting out travel via central London.

Eurostar trains ([http://www.eurostar.co.uk](http://www.eurostar.co.uk)) offer a relatively cheap, fast and carbon-neutral way of traveling between the mainland (Paris, Calais, Lille and Brussels) and London. Tickets start from £50 (round trip), if you book far enough in advance. Eurolines coaches ([https://www.eurolines.eu](https://www.eurolines.eu)) can offer a more economical, if longer trip (especially if you’re travelling on short notice)!

Getting to Oxford

The British railway system, while unarguably comfortable, is not necessarily the cheapest way to travel, but some good deals can be found if booked far enough in advance. Your best bet for cheap tickets is the National Rail website ([http://www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)). You may, in due course, wish to buy a 16-25 Railway Card (£30), which offers a 1/3 discount on all railway travel in the UK. These cards, which despite their name are also available to full-time students over the age of 25, can be used for train travel across the UK and are perfect for weekend trips away. Similarly, the Oxford Tube Bus service runs every 15 minutes from London Victoria. You can buy single (£11/16), return (£14/19) or 12 trips in one (£62/75) (prices are provided with/without student discount, which becomes available once you have collected your student ID card).

Oxford is on the London-Birmingham railway line. Trains from London depart from London Paddington Station, which serves all trains bound for the West (and Heathrow airport). If you are traveling from other parts of the country via London, or by Eurostar, be aware that you will need to change trains there. A train journey from London to Oxford lasts about 60 minutes; a last- minute single (i.e. one-way) train ticket (without Rail-Card discount) is about £27. There is a new service from Oxford to London Marylebone, which takes about an hour also. Tickets can be as cheap as £14.

Bus travel is usually cheaper. The ‘Oxford Tube’; [http://www.oxfordtube.com](http://www.oxfordtube.com) departs just outside London Victoria Bus Station via Marble Arch. It charges approximately £8-11 for a one-way ticket (with student discount; £13 next day return) to Oxford (mind that these can change according to the time of departure of your ride). It offers wireless Internet access on board their services free of charge. For other bus routes to Oxford, check the National Express website ([http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk](http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk)).
Getting to Lady Margaret Hall
The walk to LMH from the bus or train station takes 20-30 minutes. However, if you’ve got more than one or two bags with you it is arguably worth just taking a taxi. Taxis in Oxford are cheap and omnipresent, and we recommend their use, especially for those arriving at night. There are taxi ranks outside the train station and close to the bus station (Gloucester Green). All taxi drivers should be able to find Lady Margaret Hall, but tell them Norham Gardens if their memory needs jogging. The ride should cost around £5-6 (more if travelling late at night).

If it turns out that you do not have sufficient funds to pay for your taxi, don’t worry. The porters will pay the fare for you (and you can pay them back later).

Good taxi numbers include Royal Cars (01865 778 866) and 001 Taxis (01865 240 000). Both services also have corresponding apps, which you can set up to pay by credit card.

Living in Oxford
What are my options?
Graduate accommodation at LMH is extremely limited. If you have opted to live in College, you may have been allocated a room in one of the flats or halls on college grounds. There are also accommodation options offered by the University (please consult the website www.admin.ox.ac.uk/accommodation/ for more information).

If you are living out of college, popular neighbourhoods for private accommodation include Jericho (northwest Oxford), Summertown (in north Oxford), Cowley (southeast from Magdalen Bridge), or Botley Road (past the train station) and (new) Marston.

Living in College
Your arrival
Once you get to LMH, report to the Porter’s Lodge. The lodge is open 24 hours a day. The porters will give you all the information that you need and hand you the key to your room. You can always rely on them for friendly and helpful assistance! Note that there is always at least one porter on duty, although they may be out in college, on patrol (especially during the night shift). On the off chance you arrive in college and there is no one in the Porter’s Lodge, you can call them on 01865 274 300 (which will be redirected to their mobile handset).

In your room you will usually find:

1. Single Bed (but no duvet, pillow, or linen);
2. Desk;
3. Chair;
4. Armchair;
5. Bookshelves;
6. Wardrobe;

Note that it is compulsory to wear face coverings on public transport. More details here: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/face-coverings-to-become-mandatory-on-public-transport
7. Chest of Drawers;
8. Lamps (though maybe not enough for your liking);
9. Internet and internal phone line (but no phone).

You will probably be sharing a bathroom and toilet with other students. If you do have some space in your suitcase, then these are things that several people have found useful to bring along:

1. Linen (this can be bought from the college porters, but you may want to bring your own);
2. Towels;
3. Computer/Laptop (you will have access to the internet in your College room);
4. Books, writing material, etc.
5. Some cutlery, crockery, and cooking implements.

Having said that, the importance of some of these items is very subjective. If you live down the road in, let’s say, Watford, then sure, bring along your favourite soup bowl, lamp and lucky blanket. If you’re flying in from the other side of the continent (or world), it is arguably much, much easier to source these things locally and the cost will almost definitely be less than value of the extra space in your luggage. Argos (http://www.argos.co.uk/) provides linen, crockery, and cutlery at reasonable prices and can deliver to LMH at the time of your choice!

Bear in mind, as a graduate student you can keep your belongings in your rooms even during the breaks (a luxury that is not afforded to undergraduates).

There is also an MCR study room in the Clore Graduate Centre and computer facilities in the college library.

Living Out
If you need to find private accommodation, here are a few good starting points:
http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk
https://www.facebook.com/groups/159266190878238/?fref=ts
https://www.facebook.com/groups/160632823948859/
http://www.gumtree.com/oxford 10

Communication
Regardless of whether they live in or out of college, all students have a pigeonhole (affectionately referred to as a “Pidge”) where post is delivered. Small and medium sized parcels can also be delivered to your pigeonhole in the Porter’s Lodge, while larger parcels will be held by the porters. Large parcels and any packages that must be signed for will be accompanied by a delivery email to let you know your delivery is in the Lodge. The Porters also manage internal University mail which can be used to correspondence or reasonably sized parcels to students, faculty or staff of other colleges, free of charge.

If you have a telephone you can use the phone line in your room to make free phone calls within the university network – convenient if you’d like to call a friend at a different college or need to contact your supervisor urgently. If you call the porter’s lodge (74300) from your extension they can provide you with your extension number. Your friends and family can reach you by phoning the university switchboard (+44 1865 280000).
What is accommodation like at LMH?
While all college accommodation comes with the same fundamental amenities discussed above, not all rooms are exactly alike. Rooms come in a range of sizes, locations, facilities and layouts, that can result in different room pricings. College grades these differences on a scale of bands, ranging from C to A+.

Unfortunately, not all rooms are available in Michaelmas 2020 due to College needing to regulate household size.

Clore Graduate Centre
The newest addition to the LMH grounds, sporting higher band, A+ accommodation. These rooms all have private ensuite bathrooms and are set along long hallways with especially large kitchens and communal dining areas, comfortably shared among 8-10 people. They are also situated on the floors above the MCR, making it even easier to run downstairs to grab a biscuit or coffee in your PJs.

Fyfield Road
LMH has a number of accommodation options in the houses at 1-5 Fyfield Road (with 6 being the Principal’s residence and 7+ housing Fellows of the college and offices). Many of these buildings also incorporate lecturers’ offices. Most of these rooms have medium sized kitchens including eating areas. Some of these rooms might have double beds left over from previous occupants (but this is not officially sanctioned by college, so it’s not guaranteed that your room will have one).
General LMH Information

Hall
The dining hall is located in Deneke near the back of LMH. It offers food for breakfast, lunch and dinner during term time and arranges special times during the breaks for graduate students that are around during the holidays.

Remember to bring your Bodcard to Hall! The payment system in LMH is done via UPay. Money topped up to your UPay account is put on your Bodcard to use at Hall. You will need sufficient money on your card to be able to pay.

**Online top-up:** You can register for your UPay account at [https://www.upaychilli.com](https://www.upaychilli.com). A link to the registration website can also be found via the LMH Intranet [https://intranet.lmh.ox.ac.uk/](https://intranet.lmh.ox.ac.uk/), by clicking on the Quick link “Upay – dining hall account management website“. Once registered you can top up.

Meals in Hall are heavily subsidized by college with prices varying from £2.50 to £5, with an average meal costing £3.40 for a main meat dish and two sides of vegetables. The equivalent vegetarian option should cost about £3.20 and desserts are generally in the region of £1.40 apiece. Breakfasts tend to come in around £3.40 for 5 items. To check the menu for each week, you can visit the Intranet and look on the left hand side for the tab “Meal Menus.”

To accommodate social distancing, College is planning to roll out an updated system with several scheduled timeslots for mealtimes. You may need to book in advance. More details will be updated when plans get finalised.

An average weekly food menu would look something like this:

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<td>Lemon meringue pie</td>
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<td>Red fruit yogurt</td>
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<td>Lemon cheese cake</td>
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[Image of a menu with various food options including soup, main dishes, sides, and desserts.]
Formal

Oxford also has a tradition known as ‘Formal Hall’, colloquially referred to as ‘formal’, where the hall is made extra special by offering a three-course dinner. These dinners are a great way to close off a stressful week of work by enjoying a great dinner with friends before usually heading to the bar. As a special occasion, a dress-code of business wear is required.

Unfortunately, regular formals have been temporarily suspended as College reworks its system for social distancing. However, College is planning a special dinner for Freshers as a welcome formal, with responsible regulations in place to reduce risk. Stay tuned for more information about that!

As with all college events, they try to provide a varied menu to cater to dietary requirements. You would normally be requested to fill in any dietary requirements upon booking. If uncertain about anything, you can email the catering manager at catering.manager@lmh.ox.ac.uk.

Intranet (intranet.lmh.ox.ac.uk)

The LMH intranet can be accessed from the bottom of the LMH website or using the link above. This is a great place to go for information regarding college life. You can also access extra bits of LMH information such as meal menus, punt bookings, formal bookings and battels.
**Battels**
A uniquely Oxonian way to talk about accounts, your battels are a blanket term used to refer to all costs incurred throughout the term. Things like formal guest tickets, rent, and social ballot payments are all placed there. You are given a special code (located at the top of the intranet’s accounts/battels web page) for making relevant payments, online or otherwise, so that the College will be able to quickly recognise which student payment has gone through.

**Library**
Most Colleges in Oxford have their own library and LMH is no exception. It is located in the middle of the College. As a graduate student you will arguably be more likely to borrow books from one of the more specialised libraries in town. However, as an LMH graduate student you are able to take books out for the entire term from the college library. Barring exceptional circumstances, you will also have access to the college library 24 hours a day, every single day of the year. The librarians can also purchase books that prove difficult to locate or secure in Oxford, on your behalf. The library has a budget allocated every year for this exact purpose!

One highlight of the LMH library is the Emma Watson Feminist Book Shelf. The Visiting Fellow even turns up occasionally to donate the odd piece of feminist literature.

The library is currently running a one-way in, one-way out system for book borrowing. At the moment, students are not allowed to study in the library. This situation is subject to change, and you will be updated accordingly.

**Cleaning and Laundry Facilities**
LMH has a number of washing machines and dryers in the college (although not on Fyfield Road). They can be found:

- Near the MCR at the base of the Clore Graduate Centre
- Next to the entrance of Kathleen Lea building
- Down the steps beside Talbot Hall, next to the bar
- On the ground floor between Old Old and New Old Hall

They use a cashless system and can be operated either by purchasing a laundry card or by using the laundry card app:

**For a Laundry card:**
1. Buy a proximity card from the dispenser outside Hall. The cost of the card is £2 and you keep to re-use. You can buy them with credit already on them (£8 or £18).
2. Register the card on the Circuit website (when asked, say that you live in Kathleen Lea and will top up there) ([http://www.circuit.co.uk/](http://www.circuit.co.uk/)) log in or register in the top right corner
3. You can then top up your card account online (again – use Kathleen Lea as a reference). Keep the top up code you get on the website.
4. The final step is to activate the top up using the ‘activator’ in the Kathleen Lea laundry (so far the only top-up machine in college is at Kathleen Lea), using the top up code you received (and kept) in Step 3. This transfers your online top up to your card.
5. Spend the cash at any of the laundry machines by tapping your card at each machine.

**Through the app:**
1. Go to the app store on your smart device and download the “Circuit Laundry” app
2. Once opened, the app will prompt you to sign up. Fill in the necessary information.

3. It will ask you to activate the card by scanning the QR code at your preferred Laundry room destination. Make sure that you have wifi or service!

4. (OR if you are not close to your Laundry room, you can scan the QR code online here: https://www.circuit.co.uk/how-to-guides/mobile-app/)

The benefit of the laundry card is that you do not need wifi/service (which can get spotty in the laundry rooms). It is also guaranteed to work on every machine as some of the machines might not be updated to configure to the app (i.e. they don’t have a scan QR code). The benefits of the app are that it saves you £2 on the card and is much more convenient.

It presently costs around £2.50 to do a load of washing, and £0.60 per load in the dryers.

**Fixing Things**

If anything in your room (or in shared spaces like the MCR) needs replacing or repairing, use the intranet fault reporting system send an email to faults@lmh.ox.ac.uk. Replacement light bulbs can be obtained free of charge via Faults or the Porters’ Lodge.

We cannot stress enough how important it is that you let college know what needs fixing! By using the intranet reporting system and faults@lmh.ox.ac.uk – rather than other channels – your request will be tracked, escalated and fulfilled as soon as possible.

**MCR Guest Room**

If you are planning to have a guest to visit during your time at LMH there is a room located in the Clore Graduate Centre that can be booked via the events team. This room can be booked for one or two guests. Average cost is £30 per night, which can be paid through your battels or directly to the college conference team. For further information contact conference@lmh.ox.ac.uk

**Boat House**

One of the perks of being at LMH is that college is abutted on no less than three sides by an idyllic part of the river Isis (what we have persisted in calling the Thames since time immemorial). This also means that we have access to water sports. There are a few kayaks, small boats and inflatables kept inside the boat house. These are usually free to use but require permission from the porters. As well as these LMH also have four punts. Punting is a quintessentially Oxford thing to do during the spring/summer Trinity term. Punts can either be booked online or at the Porters Lodge. It costs £5 an hour and a normal outing usually lasts between one and two hours. Our punts can comfortably hold five people, with six being the maximum number of people allowed.

The boat house is currently closed, but will likely resume activity with new measures in place.
Shopping Near LMH

Note that it is compulsory to wear face coverings when in a public indoor space, like grocery stores and shopping centres. Some restaurants/pubs may also request that you wear a mask while moving around the space, though you can take it off when seated at your table.

Nine to Nine
The Nine to Nine is the closest corner shop. It is on North Parade Avenue, and a five-minute walk from the college. Its proximity to college makes it the ideal place to pick up milk or the odd onion in a pinch. They also keep drinks. The Nine to Nine is, as the name suggests, open until 9 p.m. It is very convenient but also small and more expensive than the supermarkets.

Tesco
The closest large Tesco is located on Magdalen street. It is relatively reasonably priced, and has a wide selection. The Magdalen street Tesco can get very busy between 5-6p.m. during term time, so plan your shop wisely! It’s open from 7 a.m. until midnight most days of the week. There is also a large Tesco on Cowley Road, a smaller one on St. Aldates, and one in Summertown.

Sainsburys
Sainsburys is another reasonably priced supermarket. The closest one is on Magdalen street, right next to the Tesco. This is a small branch, and won’t have as wide a selection of items as some. There is a big Sainsbury’s at the Westgate shopping centre, near the Magdalen Bridge, and on Cowley Road.

Large out-of-town stores are located in Kidlington, beyond the northern part of the Oxford ring road, and Iffley, beyond the eastern part of the ring road.

Pro-Tip: Get your groceries delivered!
For orders of £40 and above, both Tesco and Sainsbury’s will deliver. You can book your delivery online, and select a delivery slot (for a small fee). You probably won’t be doing £40 shops too often, so we suggest teaming up with other people if you want to save yourself a walk.

Co-op (Jericho)
There are two Co-ops on Walton Street. They are not as extensively stocked as the other supermarkets, but often stock nice organic and fair-trade products.

Marks and Spencer
If you’re not from the UK or have never spent any amount of time here before, this one could sound a bit strange. Don’t be confused, though! M&S does, in fact, have a number of food-halls, which actually function as rather high-class supermarkets! As such, this option is more expensive, but if you feel like treating yourself there are Marks and Spencer’s food stores on Queens Street in town, and in Summertown. Both are about a 20-minute walk away from college.

Gloucester Green market
On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, you can get fruit, veggies, fish, condiments, locally made nibbles and so on at the Gloucester Green market. Past deals have involved an obscene
number of avocados for the princely sum of £1 and a profusion of pineapples in the MCR. From 9am to 4pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 10am to 5pm on Saturdays, there are food stalls representing a variety of cuisines. The dumplings are generally accepted to be exception and the market is definitely an MCR favourite! The market has reopened with new social distancing measures in place.

Restaurants and Cafes near LMH
Most Oxford Restaurants deliver to Lady Margaret Hall via Deliveroo (https://deliveroo.co.uk/) and/or Uber Eats (https://www.ubereats.com/gb). These food delivery services will bring your food to your doorstep with a delivery fee. Very handy when you don’t want to or don’t have time to go out!
Some of the restaurants listed below may be open only for takeaway at this time, but more and more places are reopening with socially distanced seating, so it’s worth checking up now and then!

Viny’s
Viny’s is a chain of sandwich shops in Oxford. To be found on North Parade Avenue and on Cowley Road. They’re great for giant wraps and sandwiches. Currently takeaway only.

Kebab Vans
A favourite of the drunken hoards, the kebab vans are scattered throughout the city. Hassan’s on Broad Street and Soloman’s on St. Giles (right in front of St. Cross) are the most popular, and more or less on your way to college from town.

Vegetarian
Gardener’s Arms on Plantation Road (don’t mix this up with the one on North Parade) has the best veggie burgers in town, and also caters to vegan food requirements. The veggie burgers are so good that confirmed carnivores also have a deep, abiding affection for the pub! Try asking for the tofu bacon! The Handlebar on St. Michael’s street and the George Street Social do the best veggie brunches in town.

Pizza
The White Rabbit makes arguably the best pizzas in town, though it is difficult to find space there at peak times. Il Principe on Cowley Road, Bongiorno and Buonosera in Gloucester Green, Franco Manca on George Street, Mamma Mia in Jericho and Summertown, and The Rickety Press pub in Jericho all make great pizza too. All of these are available on Deliveroo, while Il Principe also has its own delivery service. National chain places such as Pizza Hut and Dominos are also available.

Tapas
Al Andalus on Little Clarendon, Mezzeto in Jericho, and Kazbar in Cowley are all quite good. Arbequina in Cowley is probably the best tapas in town, though you will need to make a reservation.

Italian
Branca, Carluccio’s (both in Jericho) and Zizzi’s on George Street are probably the nicest non-pizza Italian food.

South Asian Food
The Standard in Jericho and Dosa Park by the business school are both decent options and also available on Deliveroo. Many MCR members order in from Nepali Food House on weekends (formerly called Kadai & Naan).

MENA
Pomegranate and The Pickled Walnut in Cowley are both great. AL Shami in Jericho has its own fan following. The Opera Café and Elham’s Deli on

Lung Wah Chong Chinese Supermarket
Located at 41-42 Hythe Bridge Street near the train station. This store stocks East Asian ingredients hard to find elsewhere. Other Asian supermarkets can be found along Cowley Road, but Lung Wah Chong is the nearest one to LMH.
Little Clarendon are great, but close earlier than most other places.

**Asian**
Zheng’s in Jericho is a crowd-pleaser, especially their dumplings. Edamame on Holywell Street and Koto on North Parade are the local Japanese restaurants. There is also a Japanese food van which can usually be found on Woodstock Road near the Maths Institute on weekdays. Opium Den on George Street serves great Pan Asian (with an emphasis on Chinese food). Bamboo near the train station offers good Korean fare. The Chiang Mai Kitchen on high street and Thai Khun are good for Thai food. Popular chains included Banana Tree and Wagamamas. There are rumours of a Pho restaurant at the Westgate Shopping Centre come October.

**Caribbean**
Spiced Roots in Cowley, and Turtle Bay on Friar’s Walk are both great choices. The latter also has a rather lethal happy hour policy until 7 p.m. and after 10 p.m.

**Fancy Food**
Pierre Victoire on Little Clarendon is a great French bistro. The Quod on High Street, Gee’s and the Old Parsonage on Banbury Road are all great places for when you have fancy friends and family visiting (and to foot the bill!). The Oxford Wine Cafés on Little Clarendon and in Summertown are great for a posher hangout.

**Cafes**
Common Ground ★ is popular for studying and has socially distanced seating. The Horse Box Coffee Co ★ is set up with open air seating in the green outside the natural history museum.

★★ If you see a little green star next to the name, these recommendations come with LMH students’ stamp of approval for responsible social distancing and hygiene based on personal experiences! We’ll be continuously updating this list, so let us know if you agree or disagree, or have more suggestions for stars (or a downvote for bad experience 😞).

♦ means that the place is currently operating takeaway or delivery only, no sit-in.

**Oxford Nightlife**
Oxford is full of great pubs and clubs! Listed below are the pubs that tend to have a huge LMH following. Pubs aren’t there just for the drinks – British pub food (think fish and chips, bangers and mash, steak and kidney pie) is a quintessential part of British cuisine, so it’s worth popping by a few especially if you’re new to the UK! Some of the options below are well-known for their food in addition to their atmosphere. Some places may have limited seating at this time due to only opening outdoor areas, so may need advanced booking.

**Pubs**

**Rose and Crown ★**
14 North Parade Avenue, 01865 510 551 / 01865 559 820
Fondly called LMH’s local pub, with traditional home cooked pub food, a private room for groups to meet and eat, this pub is North Parade Avenue’s crown- ing jewel.

**Turf Tavern ★**
4 Bath Place, 01865 243235
With TV cred, cozy indoor and outdoor seating and a scrumptious menu, Turf Tavern is a favourite watering hole for many a weary Oxford student, and does great food at a reasonable price. One of the most popular pubs in the centre of Oxford.
The Gardener’s Arms ★
39 Plantation Rd
With some of the best vegetarian food available in Oxford, a must-go for greenthumbs and greenhorns. Only outdoor seating open at the moment, they request that you wear a face covering when passing through the indoors area.

Eagle & Child
49 St. Giles, 01865 302925
With J.R.R Tolkien and C.S. Lewis as former patrons, Eagle and Child soars high.

Lamb & Flag
12 St. Giles, 01865 515787
Located across Eagle & Child, Graham Greene and Thomas Hardy flocked to this popular pub. Far from the madding crowd, Lamb and Flag always delivers.

The Bear
Alfred Street (off High Street), 01865 721783
Putatively, one of the oldest pubs in Oxford, with cosy décor and many a confounding Tuesday pub quiz.

The Old Bookbinders Ale House
17-18 Victor Street
With French-inspired cuisine and many a pub quiz, this pub leaves us ‘ale and hearty.

King’s Arms
40 Holywell Street, 01865 242369
Popular student pub, ideal location near the Bodleian and Weston libraries.

Duke of Cambridge
5-6 Little Clarendon St, 01865 558173
Around a little younger than the current Duke of Cambridge, a smart cocktail bar with abundant seating and a quaint location, and generous happy hours.

The Rickety Press
67 Cranham Street
With excellent food, great lunch discounts on Fridays, quirky décor and lots of room, there’s nothing rickety about this im-press-ive pub. A must visit for brunch too!

The Jericho Tavern
56 Walton Street
In true spirit(s) of all things Oxford, The Jericho combines big windows and a good old bar with a lending library, making it a favourite haunt for many, including Radiohead, who debuted here.

Jude the Obscure
54 Walton Street
With great food, an abundance of telly sports opportunities and cosy décor, the pub also has great open mic nights.

The Victoria
90 Walton Street, 01865 554047
Traditional tavern, heated gardens, and a great curation of real ales, craft lagers and live music.

Freud
119 Walton Street, 01865 311171
Recently refurbished, formerly a church, FREVD now houses more than one holy spirit, and routinely hosts comedians, poets and jazz and blues singers in its walls. Currently requiring customers to book in advance online.

The Magdalen Arms ★
243 Iffley Rd, 01865 302925
Albeit rather further abroad from LMH than most of the listed options, this gastropub serves arguably the best lamb in town.

Clubs are currently not open, and so are not listed in this version of the guide
Walks Around LMH
Oxford University Parks is conveniently located directly adjacent to LMH and offers lovely walks filled with green spaces, flowers, and trees, and is often a faster and more preferable way of getting to the city centre. The 1.4 mile circumference provides a great loop for jogs of any duration and, with an added footbridge that leads to Marston, one can often see cows and horses on a quick jaunt from college. Slightly farther but even larger is Port Meadow, a large expanse that runs along the river Thames that is teeming with wildlife and can be found past Jericho, about a 20-minute walk east of college.

Activities and Sport
Whilst studying at Oxford many students involve themselves in many clubs and societies. As well as the university wide groups there are a number of LMH organised teams and activities including;

- The Beaufort Creative Writing Society
- Christian Union
- History Society
- Orchestra of Wadham and LMH
- Rowing
- Football (Men)
- Hockey (Mixed)
- Pool
- Squash
- Touch Rugby (Mixed)
- Yoga
- Emma Watson Feminist Book Club
- Cheese Society
- Clarinet Choir
- LGBTQ
- Badminton
- Croquet
- Football (Women)
- Netball (Mixed)
- Rugby (Men)
- Tennis
- Zumba/Pilates
- Kayaking
- Feminist Society

These groups are open to complete beginners or those at more advanced levels. There are plenty of opportunities to compete against other colleges in the sport arena either in large scale competitions or by representing the College in Cuppers.
Balls
Balls are a quintessentially Oxford tradition that takes place throughout the year. They are usually organised by one of the University’s many Colleges but some societies and scholarship funds also do so. Although there are balls all year long, the biggest take place in 9th week of Trinity Term. These are the so-called “Commemoration Balls” and will usually involve strict dress codes and high prices.

LMH’s ball is held triennially (the last one was May 2019), and so there will not be one in the 2020-21 academic year. However, many other colleges may be, so keep an eye out if you’re interested. For a comprehensive list of what is to come keep your eyes peeled on OxfordBalls: http://oxfordballs.co.uk/
We’re hoping that by the time balls roll around, we’ll be safe enough to hold large events again – fingers crossed! Consensus is that these events are best attended as a group – so plan early as tickets sales can be competitive!

Oxford Student Union
Oxford Student Union (OSU) represents the 22,000 students at the University of Oxford. We're here to provide opportunities, help to create change and offer support.

OSU is a registered charity (number 1140687) which exists to provide a number of student services. These range from enhancement of your experience here to protection of your ability to study should you encounter financial, academic or health-related difficulties. Some of the headline services we provide to all Oxford students are:

OSU Freshers’ Fair – the best introduction to Oxford student life with hundreds of student clubs, societies and commercial stalls. (The event is going virtual this year!)
https://www.facebook.com/events/298565934744109/
Common Room Support – OSU supports your common room officers to deliver wins within your college through backing and training on important issues.

Campaigning and Representation – OSU deals with University wide issues like fee waiver and bursary negotiations, and representation on national debates surrounding higher education and funding.

OSU Council – is like a student parliament where representatives from your college come to vote, on your behalf, on issues that can be put forward by any student.

Student Advice Service – OSU’s own free, confidential and impartial advice service which can help with any problem you experience as a student living in Oxford.

OSU Teaching Awards – the only set of student-led teaching awards in the University, allowing you to recognise excellent teaching and drive improvement to suit your interests.

The Oxford Student and Oxide student radio – Oxford’s largest student newspaper, published and supported every week by OSU, and Oxford’s only student radio station.

Academia
The college is normally not directly involved with your studies. You will, however, have a College Advisor whom you may approach for advice and extra guidance. You can – and should - also address any concerns you might have about your academic progress to the Tutor of Graduates (Dr. Fiona Spensley) tutor.graduates@lmh.ox.ac.uk.

Scholarships
For UK students, LMH administers government hardship funds (contact the Student Finance Officer for more information). The LMH Grants Committee meets termly to award grants for conferences, research expenses, and cases of unforeseen financial hardship (forms can be found in the Student Support Information rack, opposite the Student Finance Office).

If you experience any serious money emergencies, don’t panic: in the first instance discuss them with the Tutor for Graduates, Dr Fiona Spensley.

Keep an eye on the notice boards in the MCR and on the board in Hell Passage for information on scholarships and other special opportunities (Hell Passage is the corridor between Deneke Building and Toynbee Building). Scholarships will generally be advertised on the LMH intranet and in the University Gazette (http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette). The International Office also has a convenient funding search engine on its website.
Welfare Contact Information

There are a wide variety of health and welfare services available to students here at Oxford: such a variety in fact that it can be hard to keep track of them all. As such, we provide below a handy cheat-sheet to the College, University and extra-University services to which graduates can turn to for help. This seeks to be an evolving list, so, if there are services in Oxford you know that are not on here, please let us know by emailing welfare-mcr@ox.ac.uk or the personal Welfare Officer emails.

Welfare Support – A Flowchart Guide for Students

START

Do you require immediate medical attention?

YES

Call a First-Aider from the Porter’s Lodge or an Ambulance

NO

Office Hours: Contact College Nurse Anne Harpin on (2)74319 or 07595 003239. Overnight (5AM-9AM) and Weekends: contact the on-call Junior Dean

Are you experiencing significant distress?

YES

See sources of help available for anxiety on following page. See Dr. Hornby, Dr. McDonnel or the College Nurse, if you feel this is appropriate.

NO

Harassment

If the alleged harassment occurred in college inform the Dean or one of the Harassment Officers. If outside of college contact the University Harassment Line

Criminal Offense

You are encouraged to report the crime to the Thames Valley Police. If this is not appropriate, please contact the Dean.

Are you experiencing a medical or mental health problem that does not require immediate medical attention? (Examples may include severe stress or anxiety.)

YES

Have you been the victim of discrimination, harassment or a criminal offense?

YES

Are you experiencing stress or anxiety not related to any of the above?

YES

Are you experiencing Financial Hardship?

YES

Would you like to talk to someone who is not University Staff?

NO

Contact the Student Finance Officer

NO

Contact the Assistant Welfare Dean, Junior Welfare Deans, JCR/MCR Welfare Officers or a member of the Peer Support Team

NO

Contact your personal Tutor, College Advisor, College Nurse, Welfare Fellow or Chaplain

Porter’s Lodge: 01865 274378

The Dean: mike.fraser@lmh.ox.ac.uk

Equality and Diversity Unit: http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop

Dr Hornby and Dr McDonnell: Banbury Road Medical Centre, 172 Banbury Road – Call 01865 515731 for appointments Mon-Fri or ask the College Nurse to book an appointment for you in college or at the clinic. College Nurse: Anne Harpin (2)74319 or 07595-003239

Harassment Officers: Sophie Ratcliffe@lmh.ox.ac.uk // Sacha Keonigsmann@lmh.ox.ac.uk // University Harassment Line: 01865 270760 // harassment.line@admin.ox.ac.uk

Thames Valley Police Non-Emergency No.: 101

Student Finance Officer: Cathy Henderson // StudentFinanceOfficer@lmh.ox.ac.uk // 01865 274326

Assistant Welfare Dean: Assistant Dean@lmh.ox.ac.uk // Junior Welfare Deans: Junior Dean@lmh.ox.ac.uk // MCR Welfare Contact Email: welfare-mcr@lmh.ox.ac.uk // MCR Female Welfare Officer: pengling.li@lmh.ox.ac.uk // MCR Male Welfare Officer: oliver.croker@lmh.ox.ac.uk // JCR Female Welfare Officer: Elizabeth.McNie@lmh.ox.ac.uk // JCR Male Welfare: Archie.Mackay@lmh.ox.ac.uk // Peer Support Coordinator: Nicholas.Clark@lmh.ox.ac.uk

Welfare Fellow: Helen Barr: 01865 274378 // Helen.Bar@lmh.ox.ac.uk // Chaplain: Andrew Foreshew-Cain // Chaplain@lmh.ox.ac.uk

Please check the LMH intranet for updated numbers on a termly basis!
Medical Help
Anne Harpin, our College Nurse, can be seen in her office between 8:30-11:30 Monday to Friday. To find her, enter Deneke, keep walking past the dining room towards Deneke east on the ground floor, and you’ll find it at the end of the corridor, on your left.
Email: anne.harpin@lmh.ox.ac.uk
Phone: 01865 274319

Doctors may be seen onsite at the bi-weekly College Surgeries. Dr Cath McDonnell is available Tuesdays between 16:30 and 17:30. Dr Chris Hornby is available Fridays between 9:00 and 10:00.
If you require help outside of these times, the closest place to LMH is Banbury Road Medical Centre (172 Banbury Road, OX2 7BT).
Email: reception.brmc@nhs.net
Phone: 01865 515731

Sexual Health
The College provides the following sexual health items for free:
- Condoms
- Dental dams
- Lube
- Panic alarms
- Re-imbursement for morning after pill and other tests can be requested from welfare-mcr@ox.ac.uk
(all requests are strictly confidential)

A stock of condoms, dental dams and lube should be available in the MCR Welfare Cupboard at all times. If you find that certain items have not been stocked, please contact the Welfare Execs, either via welfare-mcr@lmh.ox.ac.uk or their personal emails.

Pregnancy tests and panic alarms are obtained by emailing the Welfare Execs, as above.

You can obtain the morning after pill from the College Nurse or from a local GP or pharmacist. If you obtain the pill from outside College, the College Nurse will reimburse you if provided with a valid receipt.

Need to Talk?
Oxford can easily be an overwhelming experience, even for adult and real-world experienced graduates. Talking about your difficulties is the first, best step to solving them and the following services all offer the opportunity to do so, with the guarantee of total confidence. Expressing feelings to people whose job it is to hear them, accept them, and talk them through is often the best path to regaining some emotional stability. Help is available and willingly offered. Please use it.

In College, your first call may be to the MCR Welfare Execs. We are often in College and may be contacted at the personal emails above.

Also available are the LMH Peer Supporters, fellow students specially trained in effective listening and confidentiality. You can contact the MCR Peer Supporters at the emails below:
mcr-peersupport@lmh.ox.ac.uk

For more professional assistance, students should contact the University Counselling Service. A full description of the counsellors, their skills and the services they offer may be found here. To make an
appointment with a Counsellor please contact the Service using the means below. Their reception is open from 9:00-17:00, Monday to Friday. Their offices are at 3 Worcester Street, Oxford, OX1 2BX.
Email: counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk
Phone: 01865 270300

Outside of daylight hours, students can contact Oxford Nightline [http://oxfordnightline.org/talk](http://oxfordnightline.org/talk). This phone helpline service runs from 20:00 to 8:00 every night, 0th week through 9th week, and is totally confidential. Like peer supporters, Nightline coordinators receive training in effective listening and confidentiality. They can be contacted at the addresses below, or by dropping into their offices between 20:00-8:00, at 16 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD.
Phone: 01865 270 270
Instant Message: [http://oxfordnightline.org/open-im](http://oxfordnightline.org/open-im)
Skype: oxfordnightline

Outside of term time, graduates may contact the Oxford Samaritans. They may be contacted year-round via phone (24 hours a day, 365 days a year), text, letter, email (they keep no record of email address) and in person between 8:00-22:00 at their offices (located at 60 Magdalen Road, Oxford, OX4 1RB).
Phone: 116 123
Email: jo@samaritans.org
Write to: Freepost RSRB-KKBY-CYJK, PO Box 9090, STIRLING, FK8 2SA

**Bullying & Harassment**

Defined as any action that either a) violates a person’s dignity or b) creates an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for another person, Oxford University has a zero-tolerance policy against harassment. If you experience harassment, and require advice on what to do next, the University has a network of confidential Harassment Advisors who will listen to you, clarify your options and aid you in finding resolution.

The LMH Harassment Advisors are Dr Sophie Ratcliffe and Prof Philip Biggin:
sophie.ratcliffe@lmh.ox.ac.uk
philip.biggin@bioch.ox.ac.uk

If you wish to contact Advisors based outside of College, you may do so here:
Phone: 01865 270760
Email: harassment.line@admin.ox.ac.uk

**Rape, Assault & Sexual Harassment**

Oxford offers many services to those who have survived sexual violence. They are provided by the University, College and outside charities, and encapsulate medical assistance, police attention and mental support. Indeed, there are so many that it may be difficult to know where to go first.

The best directory available is the First Response Oxford app ([http://www.firstresponseoxford.org/](http://www.firstresponseoxford.org/)). With its encyclopaedic extent and comprehensible design, this app can quickly guide you to the help you need. You can preview it online here: [http://preview.firstresponseoxford.org/](http://preview.firstresponseoxford.org/).

For those students who identify as women, the Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre offers helplines, support groups and advocacy - including legal advice and support in dealings with the police and other agencies. Their contact information may be found at the link below.
[https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Services/1125/Oxfordshire-Sexual-A](https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Services/1125/Oxfordshire-Sexual-A)
LMH’s also has a Solace Fund. If you have survived sexual violence, one immediate option you have is to go to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Slough, SL1 2BJ (see http://www.solacesarc.org.uk/). These are specialist-staffed centres, offering both advice and forensic services. Their help may be accessed without having to involve the police, and they will also aid you in planning what to do next. If you wish to go to the SARC, you should go to the Porters Lodge, ask to use the Solace Fund and LMH will pay for a taxi to take you there, no questions asked.

Other Sources
This list, while hopefully helpful, is by design a general document, offering a circumscribed list of services. There are several other services across Oxford that may be able to offer aid, advice or resources useful to Oxford students. A short list of these is provided below.

B-eat (Eating Disorders charity and helpline)
https://www.b-eat.co.uk/
Phone: 0345 634 1414 (16:00-22:00, 365 days a year)
Email: help@b-eat.co.uk

Disability Advisory Service
https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/disability
Phone: 01865 280459
Email: disability@admin.ox.ac.uk

Emergency Services
Phone: 999

Non-Emergency Services
Phone: 111

Oxfordshire Mind
https://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/
Phone: 01865 247788
Email: info@oxfordshiremind.org.uk

OUSU Student Advice Service: https://www.oxfordsu.org/support/studentadvice/

Students Against Depression: http://studentsagainstdepression.org/

Student Minds: http://www.studentminds.org.uk/
Thames Valley police
Phone: 101

Oxford Childcare Services: http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare/
**Oxford Slang**

When you get to Oxford, you may find some of the expressions used here surprising or confusing. Here is a short guide to some of the expressions you might hear.

**Ball**
An extravagant night of unlimited food and drink, performers, dodgems, Ferris wheels, and whatever else is imagined by that particular committee! Most colleges hold balls.

**Battels**
Your financial account with the College. The word is also used as a verb: “Should we battel you for that?” i.e. “Should we charge you on your College account for that”

**Blue**
You become a blue by competing for Oxford in a sporting match against Cambridge. Some sports gain full blues, others only half blues.

**Bod**
The Bodleian Library, Oxford’s main library.

**Bod Card**
Your University card. A combination of identity, library, and stored value card. It is the key to getting into many places in Oxford and to food in hall.

**Bop**
A party, usually involving loud music and dubious dress code.

**Carnation**
The flower worn on your sub fusc on the day of an exam. White signifies your first exam; pink is for intermediate exams, and red for the final exam. Red carnations may indiscernible from the coating of filthy stuff resulting from trashings.

**College Parents**
These are volunteers who have offered to help new students become more accustomed to life at Oxford and can be the first point of call for a new student. If a student is in Oxford for longer than a year they will often have a proposal with their college husband/wife.

**Commemoration Ball**
A formal ball held by one of the colleges of the University of Oxford in the 9th week of Trinity Term, the week after the end of the last Full Term of the academic year, which is known as ’Commemoration Week’. Commemoration balls are held by different colleges each year, following a cycle by which each college holds a ball every three years.

**Crew Date**
An outing where sports teams from one college will go on a mass ’date’ with another. This is a weekly occurrence with some sports teams at LMH.

**Cuppers**
Inter-collegiate competitions in just about anything; football, drama, water polo, etc.

**Formal Hall**
A three-course meal in a College dining hall. It takes place once a week at LMH, but every College has its own schedule. Table service is provided and attendees are encouraged to dress smartly (a suit or evening dress), and academic gowns are usually compulsory (although not at LMH).

**Matriculation**
The process of being formally accepted into the University. It is done early on in your first Term. It must not be missed because you cannot graduate without having matriculated. It takes place in the Sheldonian Theatre; you will wear sub fusc (see below) and listen to some speeches (some in Latin). You will get further information after you arrive about the date and time of your matriculation ceremony. Tradition warrants that students, after matriculation, have a meal at a pub (although this is up to you!).

**Michaelmas/Hilary/Trinity**
These are the names of the Oxford University terms. They correspond roughly to the Autumn, Winter, and Summer terms. They last 3 months, 8 taught weeks and four not, but often seem much shorter.
Pigeonholes  Mailboxes located in the Porters’ Lodge of every College. Every student gets a pigeonhole to receive mail. You should check it frequently, as important mail from the University will be sent there. The verb “to pidge” means “to send via post” or “to put in someone’s pigeonhole”.

Punt  A small, flat-bottomed boat, propelled by a pole. Popular in the summer months; LMH has a few of its own, which appear on the river about this time.

Rustication  This is when a student has suspended their studies.

Scout  Scouts are people who clean college rooms. As an LMH graduate student, you will have a scout if you live in college.

Sub fusc  The official university dress, worn for all official University events including matriculation, graduation, and exams (including Vivas). For men, sub fusc consists of a graduate gown, a mortarboard, black trousers, a black jacket, a white shirt, and a white bow tie or full length black tie. For women, sub fusc consists of a graduate gown, a mortarboard or soft cap, a white blouse, a black skirt or trousers, and a black ribbon. (Visiting students of either sex wear an undergraduate gown rather than a graduate gown.) You can buy the gown, headwear, and bowtie at various shops in Oxford.

Trashing  The practice of students of the University of Oxford throwing items such as confetti, champagne, shaving foam and silly string at their contemporaries when they complete their exams. This is a relatively recent tradition, originating sometime in the ‘90s.