



# TRINITYCOLLEGE

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# TRINITY COLLEGE WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular)	Medicine
Biomedical Sciences	Modern Languages:
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French and Spanish</li> </ul>
Classics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Single Honours ('French sole')</li> </ul>
Classics and English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish Single Honours ('Spanish sole')</li> </ul>
Classics and Modern Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French and Portuguese</li> </ul>
Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish and Portuguese</li> </ul>
Economics & Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French with Classics or English or History or Linguistics or Philosophy</li> </ul>
Engineering Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish with Classics or English or History or Linguistics or Philosophy</li> </ul>
English Language and Literature	
English and Modern Languages	
History	
History (Ancient and Modern)	
History and Modern Languages	
History and Politics	Music
Law (Jurisprudence)	Philosophy and Modern Languages
Law with Law Studies in Europe	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Materials Science	Philosophy and Theology
Mathematics	Physics
Mathematics and Statistics	Theology & Religion

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# JCR PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## Welcome to Trinity College!

My name is Caro von Lampe, and I'm the Trinity College Junior Common Room (JCR) President for the academic year 2021/22. The JCR is the community of undergraduate students at Trinity. We organise social events like karaoke nights, BOPs (Big Organised Parties), pub quizzes and more. But more importantly, the JCR committee represents the views of our student body to the College's governing body and the wider University. Together with (or, if necessary, against) College, we work to improve Trinity wherever we can.

I am a second-year PPE student, focusing mainly on ethics and political theory. As a student from Berlin, I know the struggles of living (fairly) far from home and in a foreign country, but good news: I've found an amazing new home at Trinity.

Trinity is located right in the centre of Oxford, it has gorgeous lawns and serves fantastic food. Studying here truly offers so many opportunities for you to pursue any of your interests. Next to getting involved with organising student life as JCR President, over the past year I've had a great time rowing for Trinity College Boat Club. It was a fantastic way to meet a diverse bunch of people from all year groups at Trinity. Even though I had not done any rowing before, it was great to see myself and the team improving quickly, especially over the first few weeks of training. I'd definitely



recommend anyone to give it a try! But if rowing's not your thing at all, don't worry – Trinity has lots of student-run sports teams, from basketball to croquet. And even if you want to start a new team, you'll always find people to join you!

Besides the many sports teams in Trinity, we also have lots of opportunities for the more artistically talented among us – we have a chapel choir, a Music Society that organizes termly gig nights, and there are many opportunities to get involved in organising our annual Arts Week, which is well known around Oxford. The Garden Play on the lawns, organised annually by the Trinity Players, is another highlight that's not to be missed!

What I love about Trinity is that it immediately felt like home. Everyone you meet – from the porters and staff to tutors and students – is open, welcoming, and friendly. Whether you're settling in for a long night of work, or looking to relax and unwind, you'll find someone to join you. My personal highlights include foosball in our beer cellar, Christmas dinner in our historic hall and spending days on the lawns with friends. Whether you are at a JCR meeting, the weekly welfare tea, debates, or plays organised by our wide range of societies you, like me, will be a part of our welcoming community. Our community of diverse students and superb staff truly is what makes Trinity College.

I hope the following pages can give you some impression of what it's like to be a Trinity student and encourage you to join this unique community!

See you soon!

**Caro von Lampe**

Trinity College JCR President

# LIFE IN COLLEGE - FACILITIES



## Hall

Dining hall meals of breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at set times throughout term. In our dining hall breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at set times throughout term. You're free to choose how many meals you eat on a pay-as-you go card system. The food in Trinity is one of the many things our college prides itself on. It is delicious, fresh and reasonably priced. Every day you can find plenty of menu options to satisfy meat-eaters, vegetarians and vegans (with a stamp of approval from our very own vegan JCR President). Formal Hall takes place three times a week, and costs around £4 for a 3-course meal, a running favourite among our students is our Steak and Brie formal, with deep-fried Brie and Steak every Monday night. These

formals are great way to save on some quality food and have dinner with friends, they are not very formal and require you to wear your gown with everyday clothing. Equally, every Friday evening Guest Night provides the opportunity for people to dress up, invite their parents or friends for a 4-course dinner that costs £20. Past Guest Night menus include treats such butterscotch ice-cream and rib-eye steaks. In 2022, the Dining Hall was closed for renovations – it is opening again in Spring 2023. Our 'Temporary Dining Hall' is located on the lawns.



## JCR

The Junior Common Room is a great space for gathering with friends. It includes a TV, DVD player, Wii console and a recently added Nintendo. Every Friday afternoon you can find people

and plenty of snacks in the JCR during our 'Welfare Tea' event held by the Welfare Reps. It is a convenient place to watch TV and movies and use our college Disney plus account. We have recently started renovations to our JCR and gotten new furniture in, as well as nice flooring. There is also a piano in the room.



## Library

Our well-stocked College library is open 24 hours a day with an extremely helpful library team who are happy to buy or track down any books you require. The library provides a spacious environment, and it's equipped with computers, printers and photocopiers, which can all be used for free- a rarity amongst Oxford colleges.

## The Levine Building (Café, Auditorium, Music Practice Rooms, Rooftop Terrace)

In May 2022, Prince Charles officially opened the college's

newest building, 'The Levine.' It has its 150-seat auditorium (with grand piano), chilled-out café (with its own barista, 9am-3pm), sound-proofed music practice rooms (play your flute as loud as you can, we dare you), and rooftop terrace (complete with sun-lounging garden furniture). It's a fantastic new hub in college, with loads of ensuite bedrooms that many students get to live in for their first year of studying here. There are teaching rooms that can be booked for group studying sessions. Of course, many students use the café as a place to study together – it really is the perfect place to socialise, study, relax or grab a coffee/snack to go.

## Beer Cellar



Located beneath the Hall, the Beer Cellar is the social hub of College on most evenings, and the starting points for nights out. It contains an impressively well-stocked bar, selling all types of drinks and snacks for a reduced price. College 'Bops'



(Big Organised Parties) are held at the Beer Cellar twice a term, alongside these karaoke nights, pub quizzes, and 'Open Mic' are also held here.

## JCR kitchens

Students have the option of cooking their own food in the JCR kitchen. You'll need your own utensils and equipment but there is a selection of microwaves, ovens, hobs and toasters available in the kitchen, as well as on some staircases in College. There's two brand new kitchens in the new Levine building with excellent facilities and a larger area for a more social atmosphere while cooking with friends etc.

## Laundry

The laundry room is perhaps not

the most exciting room in college, but it is a great facility to have, and one you'll certainly use. In here are all the things you'll need to do your laundry washing machines, driers, irons etc. There are also new washing machines in the Levine building.

## Lawns

Trinity is justifiably famous for its huge beautiful lawns, most of which you can actually walk on! This means during the summer the back lawn is the place to be! Our lawns become the social hub of college every summer term; they're great for sitting down and enjoying the sun, conversations with friends. Our annual Trinity Lawns Play is put on every summer, as well as an informal college BBQ. Recently the lawns were used for a strawberries and

champagne reception for prince Charles to celebrate the opening of the new Levine building.

## Chapel

The Chapel is open to everyone in College of any faith or none, for quiet reflection or prayer. Evensong is held every week in addition to other short services throughout the term. If you enjoy music, singing or playing in the Trinity Choir might be something you wish to take part in and as a bonus receive a free formal dinner in Hall every week.

## Sports facilities (gym, lawns, boathouse, playing fields)

- Trinity has various sports facilities on its central site, including a squash court and a gym with a good range of equipment: rowing machines, a medicine ball, resistance bands and lots of different weights and dumbbells. There is also an offsite gym in the Nunnery accommodation a short cycle up the road. Equally there are opportunities to get involved with College sports (advertised below). Beyond College, Trinity shares playing fields and tennis courts

with St Catz and Lady Margaret Hall, only a short walk away.



## Porters' Lodge

The Trinity Porters' Lodge is located at the front entrance of the College and serves as a first point of contact for any visitors, and freshers who start their first day at Oxford by picking up their room keys from one of our friendly Porters. They are also well equipped to deal with other practical issues regarding accommodation in college, and it's fair to say they know our College best which means they'll be able to direct you to the relevant person for any other matters. The Porters' Lodge also contains 'pigeon holes' for any mail that comes to students and tutors in Trinity.



# A DAY IN THE LIFE...



## Madge Materials Science (1<sup>st</sup> Year)

**8:30** I tend to wake up a little later and have a slow morning, breakfast in my room and get ready for the day.

**9:15** We have 3 lectures in the morning every day (or a 3-hour class) but I tend to watch the first one online so I can pause and take notes while my brain is still waking up.

**11:00** The next two lectures I usually go to in-person at our department (only a 10-minute walk since Trinity is so central).

Hi, I'm Madge,

a first-year materials scientist at Trinity. For students doing a stem subject we tend to have more contact hours in a day so this is what a typical weekday might look-like for me.

**12:30** Lunch in hall with friends (Trinity's food, my favourite part being the desserts, is amazing and great value compared to other colleges).

**14:00** I have a tutorial where we work through a problem sheet in a group of 2 or 3 with our college tutors. Typically, we will have around 3 tutorials in a week and every other week we will have labs from 14:00-17:00 on Thursday and Friday.

15:45 Head to a space to study- I really struggle to focus in my room but luckily Oxford has loads of really nice libraries that I switch

between depending on my mood (beautiful old libraries as well as really modern libraries). If I don't want to go far (and by that I mean a 2-minute walk) I pick the college library or café (or lawns in the summer) to sit and work.

**19:00** Grab dinner with friends, either cooking in the kitchen (which is more often now we have new kitchens in the Levine building), sushi for a treat or just a meal deal if it's a lazy day since Tesco Express is super close (making it really easy to pop over and grab anything you need throughout the day).

**20:00** Either I'm behind on work so I'll try catch up or I'll hang out with friends and relax – I will say there's usually lots going on in Ox-

ford so there's usually some sort of event going on with a society, sports club or within college.

**00:00** I'll probably have given up on work by this point and have got distracted but eventually will get to bed and sleep.

This is a typical weekday for me, but this can vary quite a bit. I also row so there's several early mornings in each week when we have to get up at 6:00 to go rowing as well as being an access rep so I might have meetings with the JCR committee or access department. Weekends are usually just catching up on sleep, work and socialising- basically relaxing in preparation for the week ahead since Oxford can be pretty hectic with lots going on.





## Dora E&M (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)

**6 am:** Wake up early.

**6.45 to 8.30am:** Go on a rowing outing (don't worry I wouldn't be up this early otherwise).

**9am:** Breakfast in hall with the rowers.

**10-11am:** Prep for Quantitative Economics tutorial, looking over my lecture slides.

**11am-12pm:** Tutorial at Mansfield College, we go through problem sheet and anything we didn't understand about the topic.

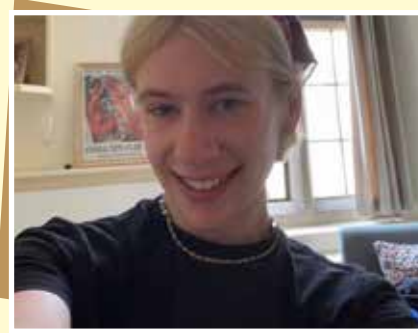
**12.30-1pm:** Lunch in hall.

**2-4pm:** Global Business History Lecture at Brasenose College, we get a field trip to Ashmolean Museum.

**5-6.30pm:** Reading global business history case study.

**7-8pm:** CapitOx (Student Society) meeting at Wadham college, eat pizza with committee.

**8.30 onwards:** Pub social, meet up with more friends, then off to Bed for some well-earned sleep.



## Leon, History, (1<sup>st</sup> Year)

**9:00-9:30** Wake up – this varies from day to day since humanities subjects tend to be able to structure their own workday, so there's plenty of scope for shifting things around for a couple of hours if you had a particularly heavy night.

**10:00-10:30** Shower and get ready. I'm not much of a breakfast eater, so I find that, if I have nowhere to be in the morning, the start of my day is a nice time to wake up leisurely and figure out a plan of what I need to do for the day ahead to stop me getting too stressed.

**11:00-12:00** I go to my tutorial. A once-weekly occurrence for history students, tutes are a great

opportunity to get one-on-one time with your tutor (although I'd recommend trying to avoid running late, which seems to be a weekly occurrence for me).

**12:00-13:00** Come back to college and do some work – generally sorting out the notes from my tutorial and filling any handouts/essay feedback.

**13:00-13:30** Lunch: either in hall – we're significantly luckier than most other colleges when it comes to food – or a meal deal from Tesco.

**13:00-18:00** I tend to spend the afternoon working (which for most humanities students consists mostly of reading, meaning you can do it where you want which is a much more pleasant alternative than spending your day in labs). All the while making sure I take regular breaks, so I don't end up getting too bored and not actually reading any of the words in front of me.

**18:00-19:00** Dinner – I rarely do the same thing for dinner two days in a row, I just go for whatever I fancy at the time.



**19:00-22:00** I usually spend this time of day in the Levine Café, either working if I'm not pleased with how much I managed during the day or just socialising with friends (and/or doing pres depending on the evening in question).

**22:30** Start getting ready for bed – I like to wind down from the day by watching TV or catching up with my friends from home (it's very easy to fall out

of touch with people because Oxford is so hectic, so I try and make time every day to check in with people).

**00:00-01:00** Depending on how much time I spend on TikTok before I go to bed (a seemingly inevitable development in my evening at this point), I generally try and make sure I'm asleep by around midnight to make sure I'm well rested for the day after!



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

By **Lorraine Dindi** (former student in Law) and **Adrian Kwong** (former student History and Politics)

### What's it like moving between countries regularly?

Since the shortest of our 3 breaks ('vacs') in an academic year is 6 weeks long, there is plenty of time to travel back home before the next term begins, as many international students do. Even if you choose to stay in Oxford for the vac, College can provide accommodation and there's a uni-wide community of students putting up various activities, so you don't get bored. Unfortunately, everyone living on site (1st and 2nd years) has to move out of their rooms during the vac, but there is international student storage where you can leave up to 4 boxes/suitcases.

### Are there any academic challenges unique to international students?

While some UK-domiciled students can come down to Trinity during the vacation, international students often cannot; however, these problems can be resolved by working out vacation loans of books earlier and often a lot of the resources are online anyway. Tutors and the College are understanding if circumstances create inconveniences such as having trouble with any element of your course. They are very helpful in trying to resolve international students' concerns.



## What is the international student community like in Trinity?

There is a relatively large group of international students in each year group, who often have friendships with each other as well as with British students. The International Rep organises events throughout the year for students to connect with each other, and is always ready to answer any questions ranging from how to open a UK bank account to what the appropriate milk-to-water ratio is when making tea for a Brit. We come from diverse backgrounds and celebrate each other's cultures and beliefs. The college makes a point of celebrating many international festivals, including things like Diwali, Lunar New Year, and Eid al-Fitr, which you can bring friends to.

## What is the social environment like?

As with any new environment,

there may be some things that take getting used to— be mindful that this is true for everyone, not just international students. British culture can be interesting and exciting to navigate, and you may soon find yourself ending conversations with “cheers, mate!”. Trinity is a very friendly and welcoming place because it's filled with people from different backgrounds who are keen to learn from each other. Activities and events are tailored to accommodate for people who may choose not to drink alcohol, go clubbing, or be in loud/busy environments; there are plenty of ice-cream trips and film nights. Ultimately, whatever your hobbies or interests, there will certainly be people who enjoy the same thing as you and Trinity as a whole will accept and cherish you regardless.

## How are international students involved in the community/JCR?

College life is new for everyone, so even if you feel somewhat bewildered by terms like 'JCR'

and 'bop' used everywhere, remember that you are not alone! The International and BAME Reps organise events such as drinks and tea gatherings for their communities, and we are also active in other JCR roles. The Academic Affairs Representative, for instance, contributes his perspective as an international student to event proposals during Committee meetings. JCR events including Entz nights

(entertainment events such as karaoke nights) and Welfare tea (late-afternoon gatherings over JCR-provided snacks) are also actively attended by students of all nationalities and great opportunities for cross-cultural exchange. The JCR makes a dedicated effort at both building bonds within the international student community and bridging students of different backgrounds.



# ACCOMMODATION



## First Year

Millie Crewe  
(1<sup>st</sup> Year) Biomed

At Trinity, whilst there is some variation depending on which staircase you are on, in general the rooms are good quality. They all have a mini fridge and a sink, as well as the basics (desk, bookshelves, plenty of storage, a reading lamp and a pinboard). Some of the rooms have double beds and a small ensuite, but most have single beds and a shared bathroom on their staircase. Staircases are typically made up of around 10 rooms, which means you can get to know the people on your staircase well. Staircases can

be thought of as the Oxford equivalent of a flat at most other unis, just without kitchens for each one. There is one communal kitchen in college and two kitchens in the Levine building (which are technically for people in Levine rooms, but you can often find people to let you in). Although the staircases often have a nice community atmosphere, everyone is onsite, so you won't be more than a minute or two away from other freshers. Each staircase has its perks, for example a nice view of the quad, a mezzanine or some of extra floor-space. Staircase 18 is exclusively for

freshers and consists of 24 rooms, which are notorious for being smaller than average, however you

get the bonus of having plenty of freshers living around you, and a kitchenette in the building.

## Second Year

Grace Davison  
(1<sup>st</sup> Year) History

The accommodation at Trinity has everything you need to enjoy your first year at Oxford. Each room has a double or standard bed (with the added bonus of a pillow and a warm enough duvet, so no need to bring your own- trust me you'll need that suitcase space!), a desk, mini-fridge, sink and wardrobe with storage space. Although the accommodation varies in size and facilities (with the newer Levine rooms having shared kitchens, en-suite bathrooms, and even

waterfall showers), staircase 18- the classic fresher's block- has a lot going for it, including a fancy new microwave (!), huge windows and high ceilings, which make the rooms a nice space to be in, plus enough toilets and showers that I've personally never had to wait to use the facilities. The real benefit of staircase 18, or any other staircase in Trinity, is the community: you'll get to meet new people much faster and being around lots of people in the same situation can make settling in much easier.

## Second Year

Set Experience Ellis Hesketh (former student in French) and Kitty Farrell-Roberts (former student in Theology): One of the biggest advantages of sharing a set is its practicality: the second-year sets are located in Garden Quad, which is right in the heart of College, meaning you

can see people really easily. It also means you can share more things with your roommate: not only do you share a large living space, but you can share things like appliances (kettle, fridge) as well. With the stress of term, sharing a set is really fun since you've always got someone to chat to; the shared

living room makes it easy to invite friends around and the separate bedrooms ensure that you have enough personal-space.

**Third Year College Flat**  
**Off-Site from Holly Winch**  
(former student in Classics):  
I'm in my third year and I live in Stav (flats on Staverton Road), which is Trinity's offsite property in the north of Oxford. It's a little way out of the city centre, so most people cycle in – but it's only about 15/20 mins walk and there's a bus for when you

accidentally sleep in! I live in a flat with three of my friends, and pretty much all my friends live less than a couple of minutes away, so it's really easy to have people over. I think one of the best things about the offsite accommodation is having your own kitchen. Although I had already developed my talents in cooking kettle pasta in my first two years (or just going to the canteen), it's so nice to be able to cook proper meals and to have little dinner parties with your friends!

## General Accommodation information

One of the best things about Trinity is that accommodation (onsite or in College-let properties) is guaranteed for the entire duration of your undergraduate degree. That means you don't have to worry about dealing with estate agents and landlords. If you have any problems, you can deal with them directly through College. It also means that you can take advantage of the heavily subsidised laundry services, spare mattresses for guests, and

reasonable prices for the rooms our College offers!

In your first year at Trinity the College allocates rooms randomly before all students arrive. You will be allocated a single room with a shared bathroom (a ratio of around 3 toilets/4 showers for a staircase of around 18 people) which will most likely be in the new Levine building. Anyone with medical or welfare needs will have these taken account when rooms are allocated. Everyone

pays the same amount for their rooms throughout their degree at Trinity. Due to this the first-year rooms vary little in size generally, and there is plenty of storage for the inevitability of over packing for the first term in Oxford. Each room has a storage locker in which you can also leave some of your belongings over the vacation. As your first year in Trinity progresses you'll find yourself getting much better at packing and for that matter unpacking.

The allocation of rooms for second, third and fourth years is organised by ballot. This means that the names of everyone in your year are randomly chosen in an order that creates the ballot, you will then choose your room based on your number on the ballot.

Second years mainly live on-site and stay in some of the nicest rooms in Trinity, located in Garden Quad; the view is truly breathtaking during the summer sunsets. You can choose whether to share a 'set' (two separate bedrooms, a main living room and sometimes an en-suite) with a friend or to have a

single room (most have en-suites, and some have double beds).

Some second years and third and fourth years live off-site in College owned accommodation in North Oxford, a 20-minute walk from College. There are three different sites, each affectionately known as Stav, Rawley and the Nunnery. The flats on Staverton Road are much sought after and are a mixture of 3 person and 4-person flats, all of which contain their own bathroom and kitchen. The flats on Rawlinson Road are 2-person flats each with a small kitchen and bathroom. The rooms in the Nunnery (a building on Woodstock Road that used to be an old nunnery) are singles, some with en-suites, with a shared kitchen, a large communal area and an on-site gym. All of the off-site properties are within 5 minutes walking distance from each other and about 10-15 minutes cycle to our College.

However, if none of these options appeal to you there is always the option of living out of College in a house in town with friends!



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For the majority of students, managing your finances and budget independently is a relatively new experience, and as students are what make Trinity College, and the City of Oxford thrive, the University is determined to attract the brightest students from every possible walk of life- money should not be a barrier to studying at Oxford!

Students should be able to enjoy everything that a degree at Oxford has to offer, and we firmly believe that financial concerns should not hold them back from doing so!

Our College considers it a top priority to ensure that undergraduate applicants are never discouraged from applying to Trinity due to financial circumstances, and so we provide a wide range of financial support for our students.

Many students can vouch for the university's commitment to supporting its students through

financial hardship, and the data show that among other UK universities we offer some of the most generous support packages for students from low-income backgrounds. Depending on individual needs, Oxford's financial support can take form of fee waivers, bursaries, reimbursements for travel, books and grants for academically related internships or travel for research. Exact details can be found on the University and Trinity College Websites: [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding) and [www.www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-financial-support](http://www.www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-financial-support)

Trinity's alumni have provided the college with generous donations that have enabled our College to offer 'Levine Bursaries' of £1,000-£3,000, to make sure that students from lower to moderate family incomes whose needs are not fully met through governmental support or the

University, can enjoy Oxford without limiting their experiences. Information about these bursaries is provided on admission to the College.

A broad range of undergraduate grants are also available, which are aimed at supporting students' academic work and activities. There are Academic Grants which can be applied for in College to support students with travel costs for academic interest, scientific research placements over vacations, research for dissertations, language courses and books. Trinity also provides a range of funding opportunities to support students in extracurricular activities such as music, sport and travel.

For many, the prospect of applying to Oxford and attending a College like Trinity is exciting but also incredibly daunting and unfamiliar. It is important to remember that the progression from school to University is something all of us have experienced and have been nervous about. In Trinity, there is a vibrant JCR community that **welcomes all, regardless of background or school**. Our College is a community of brilliant

students, but beyond this Trinity is a second-home to all of us, and one in which we value each other as friends and peers.

Regardless of which College you choose to apply to, you'll enjoy the incredible experience that an Oxford degree provides, but we believe that our delicious food, lawns and friendly atmosphere make Trinity the best place in the city to study! We hope that reading this Alternative Prospectus conveys the vibrant nature of College life.

## By the JCR Access and Bursaries Representatives

Aga Gryguc (1<sup>st</sup> Year Law with European Law) and Madge Gregory (1<sup>st</sup> Year Material Science)



# THE JCR COMMITTEE

The JCR stands for Junior Common Room, which is a community meeting place of the student body in the College. In this Prospectus we will often refer to the student body at Trinity as the JCR. The JCR Committee is therefore made up of various roles and positions which you can get elected for every year.

Elections for JCR positions are a great way to give back to the College and gain experience organising events, liaising with College staff and pushing for any changes that will benefit students at Trinity. The description of each role is written in our College Constitution, which ensures each Representative is aware of their responsibilities, but each individual is also able to give their personality to their role and create new responsibilities. Another valuable way of getting involved in student affairs at Trinity is through submitting

‘Motions’ which can propose any changes to the constitution, request some funding for sporting equipment, propose a donation to a charity or generally ask the student body for their approval of a new initiative you’re passionate about. Motions are discussed at the bi-weekly JCR general meetings where students come together to ask questions and debate certain motions, and the followign day an online voting form is sent out for students to vote on.

Throughout the Prospectus you’ll find that various parts have been written by different JCR Representatives which should give you an idea of the many events and activities they are responsible for. Recently, for example, we’ve created the role of the Communications Representative, who is now responsible for managing our beloved Instagram account

(shameless plug: **@trinitycollegejcr**), our Student Room account (TrinityJCR) and our brand-new Humans of Trinity College Facebook page. The Instagram works on the basis that any student can message the Representative and request posts to be put up. Whether they want to increase awareness about something, advertise an event or just share a pretty photo of, say,

the sunset over Garden Quad. Ultimately, the social media acts as a representation of our College community and all the varied and vibrant things that go on within.

We try our hardest to ensure that everyone’s backgrounds and identities are represented by our JCR Committee and we believe that each Representative brings value to student life in College.

## List of JCR Representatives:

### JCR Executive:

President, Treasurer, Secretary

### JCR Representatives:

Welfare Reps; Entertainment Reps; Access Reps; Communications Rep; Charities Rep; Sports Rep; Gym Rep; Environment and Ethics Rep; Academic Affairs Rep; Family Backgrounds Rep; External Affairs Rep

### Equalities Committee:

Disabilities Rep; BAME Rep; Women’s and Women-Aligning Rep; International Rep; LGBTQ+ Rep

# SPORTS



**LACROSSE**  
**BOAT CLUB**  
(MEN & WOMEN'S)  
**FOOTBALL**  
(MEN & WOMEN'S)  
**MOTORSPORTS**

**HOCKEY**  
**SKI TEAM**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**CRICKET**  
**SAILING**

**RUGBY**  
**TENNIS**  
**NETBALL**  
**SQUASH**  
**DARTS**  
**POOL**

## Trinity Netball

Trinity's very own netball team, proudly approaching the top of division four (of five), play a short match every Friday and the occasional friendly. Teams change every week; there is no binding commitment, but our regular players have started to consider the Friday afternoon matches an integral part of their Trinity life. Since matches tend to be around lunchtime we often head back to College and eat together, if

we're not rushing off to a lecture. Everyone can play- from those who haven't touched a netball since Year 9 PE to those who actually understand footwork rules, we



welcome all players regardless of experience and regardless of gender. There is no try-out system, no clique, no judgement- we just want to have a fun time absolutely demolishing Balliol. Since Kat and I became captains at the beginning of this year we have seen the netball scene at Trinity flourish and we couldn't be happier!



## Trinity College Boat Club

Rowing is one of the College's most popular sports providing regular social events, an opportunity to improve/maintain fitness, an easy way of getting to know people across year groups, and an abundance of stash. Most people who row for Trinity have never rowed before and TCBC provides them with professional coaching and a chance to learn a new sport. The highlight of rowing at Trinity is the chance to compete against other Colleges once a term in a

week of 'bumps' racing, as well as competing in external regattas against clubs across the country. Other perks of TCBC include our annual training camp (which has seen us travel to Seville and row on the Thames), termly black-tie dinners, and our very stylish, College-famous puffa jackets.

## Trinity College Football

Football at Trinity has become one of the College's most popular sports over the last few years, meaning that people of any ability have the opportunity to join in with the teams to play! In Trinity we have two men's teams, and a women's team which is shared with Lady Margaret Hall. Both teams play at Trinity's Recreation ground – a 15 minute walk from College. Both teams have also enjoyed a degree of success throughout the years. Trinity football social events are fun occasions where the teams go out for a meal to celebrate their successes during the season – and often a pub trip after a game!

## Cricket Team

Cricket at Trinity is a brilliant opportunity to have a fun knockabout in the sun (or under



the clouds – who knows with the English weather) with some friends, and a chance to make some new ones! We have one team at the moment, and it is open to men and women of all abilities and no experience is required. Also, no kit is required as we luckily have a College kit for everyone to use, so there is no need to buy any expensive gear. We play our home games at Trinity's sports ground, a really nice walk just out the centre of Oxford, and the games are quite short, so you don't have to commit to a whole day, as admittedly that can be a bit boring and time-consuming! Trinity Cricket has a fun, social atmosphere and I would highly recommend it as a summer sport



## Rugby

Trinity's rugby club combined with Wadham's a couple of years ago to form Wadham Trinity- or WadTrin as the team is often known. We train on Wednesday afternoons and play matches on Saturday mornings, with regular social events, such as crew dates and bar swaps. Players of any ability or experience are welcome..

## Tennis Team

Tennis at Trinity kicks off in a big way in summer term with lots of opportunities for people of all abilities to play. We have weekly Mixed Cuppers, Mixed League and Women's League matches against other Colleges which usually take place at the College's tennis courts (grass and hard) which are a short walk or cycle from Trinity. In addition, we hold certain annual events, including the much-anticipated Alumni Match. You can also use the courts at any time if you fancy playing with friends.

# SOCIETIES



**CHRISTIAN UNION  
CHOIR  
ORCHESTRA  
TRINITY SINGERS  
WOMEN'S TENNIS  
GRYPHON SOCIETY  
MUSIC SOCIETY  
LAW SOCIETY  
TRINITY PLAYERS**

## Trinity College Choir

The Trinity Chapel Choir is a non-audition choir run by the two College organ scholars (both themselves undergraduates). It covers a wide range of repertoire

and performs a weekly evensong. The basic time commitment is Thursday: 5-7pm and Sunday 4-7:15pm. One of the big perks for performing in evensong is that choir members get free Sunday Hall! (And usually a lot free drinks as well).

The choir also has numerous social events, including a termly cheese and wine and a smart annual dinner. Being in choir guarantees you two free Christmas dinners in 8th week of Michaelmas term since it performs a sung Xmas-themed grace before each dinner, as well as Christmas carols throughout.

Much of the choir then drowns in mulled wine at the choir Christmas after-party.

Furthermore, the choir has a subsidised annual tour to a major European city during late June/early July, this year travelling to Barcelona.

## Gryphon Society

The Gryphon Society is the speaking and debating society here at Trinity College, which allows members of the College to do what we all do best- talk. We aim to encourage debate and public speaking amongst members of the College and foster lively discussions every term on topics ranging from The Kardashians or US politics. Each debate comes with its fair share of soft drinks and copious, flowing wine, providing the opportunity for members of the College to practice their public speaking and debating skills and come together as a community, be it by sharing humorous accounts of their travels around the world, heartfelt stories of their lives before Oxford, or their hot-takes on the latest political and cultural issues.

## Trinity Singers

The Trinity Singers are Trinity's own *a capella* group, singing diverse repertoire from classic jazz standards to upbeat renditions of recent chart hits. We work towards regular termly concerts as well as making recordings of our latest arrangements.

## Trinity Christian Union

At Trinity CU we come together from our various churches to meet together and look at the Bible, eat snacks and chat. We meet every Wednesday, alternating between having a relaxed bible study in College and joining together with other College CUs at OICCU (Oxford intercollegiate Christian union) centrals. Along with looking at the big claims of Christianity together as a group we also out on various events to give the College the opportunity to do so. We would love to see you to chat through any of your big questions about the Christian faith, or to just chat! For more info head on over to the OICCU website and look for the Trinity section.



## Trinity Drama

The Trinity Players are the College drama society, open to all members of the College regardless of performance experience – all you need is an interest in the stage and buckets of enthusiasm! Drama at Trinity can start from your very first term, where Freshers are encouraged to enter Drama Cuppers – an intercollegiate competition where you perform a one-act play, in previous years students have adapted scripts like *The Importance of Being Earnest*,

or even written their own short plays! The Players aim to put on two productions a year – a shorter Christmas play and the pinnacle of the year, the annual garden Play, where Trinity students stage a full-length production on Trinity's own lawns while audience members enjoy the scenery, the acting, and perhaps even a glass or two of Pimm's. Recent Lawns plays have included Shakespeare classics like *Much Ado about Nothing*, and the retelling of *The Great Gatsby*, set in Oxford!



## Arts Week

Arts Week is a student-run timetable of arts-based and artsy events. It's usually a real mixture of talks, workshops, panels and performances including music, dance, film, writing, poetry, theatre, pottery, painting, photography

etc. but it varies year to year. This year we're having workshops on photography poetry, creative writing and life drawing, talks and panels on journalism and feminism in art, an open mic, painting with some Bob Ross videos and lots more.





# WELFARE & ENTERTAINMENT

## Welfare

Trinity has a fantastic support system in place for students made up of both staff and peers, giving students a greater choice of pathways to take when they want help. Peer supporters are full-time students who have received 8 weeks of training, ensuring that they are well equipped to listen to any problems students face, as well as knowing the correct people to signpost students to. They create an informal space where students can disclose information confidentially to someone of their own age, which sometimes is preferred to speaking with a member of staff.

However, in more serious circumstances or if someone would rather speak to a staff member, students can also turn to the Welfare Dean, the College Nurse or GP. As well as peer supporters and staff members,

there are the JCR Welfare Reps who are also peer-support trained. Every Friday afternoon they organise Welfare Tea, which is a chance to chat to the reps as well as eat lots of free snacks, because who doesn't love a free cookie?

In addition, the reps are also organising an extra event each week, usually falling on a Wednesday, which have ranged from painting to film nights to a cheeky trip to G&Ds, for the best ice cream in Oxford. There are also Junior Deans who are on hand during the night to help with any crises a student may be facing. In short, there is no shortage of people who are trained and willing to help anyone and guide them to the correct person to maximise their welfare and ensure that they have the best experience possible at Trinity.

## Entertainment

The Entz Reps on the JCR have the exciting job of keeping all the undergrads in Trinity JCR entertained and happy when the essays are done, and the problem sheets are handed in. Our main responsibility is putting on three BOPs a term (BOP = big organised party/an excuse to whip out the fancy dress and have a boogie and a drink or three). BOPs are usually in the Beer Cellar, but once a term we like to team up with another College's Entz Reps and have a big joint BOP in one of the local clubs. Each BOP has a different theme (recent ones include Childhood Heroes and Anything but Clothes - Trinity goes big on the costume front!). If one thing remains constant between BOPs, it is the last half hour being spent singing Robbie Williams and High School Musical at the top of your lungs with the whole JCR.

As well as BOPs, we run a few other events throughout the terms, such as community nights in the Beer

Cellar. These can involve anything from karaoke to pub quizzes and are almost always accompanied by prizes. They tend to last a couple of hours, though often people will drop in and out, and are a good excuse for everyone to pop down and socialise, especially important if it has been a long day. Alongside the community nights, we may also put on other one-off events, whether that is a Eurovision viewing party or a gin-tasting evening. Essentially, whatever strikes us as a fun idea for the Trinity JCR, we will do our best to put into practice.







# MYTHBUSTING

## 'All Oxford students do is study, I won't have time for social activities'

**THE TRUTH:** Studying in Oxford is a lot of work, but we hope that the students that apply here are genuinely interested in their subjects and want to work hard. That said, there are more extra-curricular opportunities to get involved in than you can imagine, with hundreds of societies, there is really a place for everyone's interests to be accommodated. The Oxford terms are only 8 weeks long, which makes them go really fast and leaves you with plenty of time to visit friends at other Universities, and travel home in between terms. The Junior Common Room (JCR) – the undergraduate members of College, a bit like a mini students' union – have a great social area for undergraduates to meet, hang out, grab a snack. Each College also has

its own bar where the prices are usually much cheaper than the city pubs and bars!

## 'Oxford isn't for people like me'

**THE TRUTH:** There truly isn't a 'type' of Oxford student. Once you get to Oxford, you'll realise that the vast majority of students (and all of the tutors) do not care what school you went to or what background you've come from. When interviewing prospective students, tutors are looking for academic potential, not for things such as how well you enunciate your words or how 'well' you dress.

## 'Oxford professors are old-fashioned and formal'

**THE TRUTH:** Most Oxford professors are forthcoming, open and friendly. The relationship students here have with their

tutors is very different to the relationship pupils at school have with their teachers. Tutors have a great deal of respect for you and value your opinion. Many students find that they get on very well with their tutors and aren't simply treated as inferiors, but with great consideration.

## 'At interviews the tutors will try to catch you out with weird questions'

**THE TRUTH:** The interview process is academically demanding, and

you may be asked some unusual questions that go beyond your school curriculum. But be assured the process is not designed to trip you up! Our tutors want to assess how you think and how you approach a problem or question that might not be familiar to you. To get the most out of studying at Oxford you need to be able to think critically and independently: that's what we're looking for during your interview, not necessarily the 'right' answer. Don't worry if you get the wrong answer or if you make a mistake – that's completely normal and everybody finds their interviews challenging!





# OXFORD JARGON

<b>BATTELS</b>	The termly charges made to you by College. Includes accommodation, JCR levy, etc.
<b>BLUE</b>	An award in the form of a jacket, or the holder of such an award, for outstanding sporting achievement at the university level. Only awarded to competitors in certain sports in the yearly match against Cambridge.
<b>BOD CARD</b>	Blue university student identification card received on arrival as a fresher.
<b>BOP</b>	College party in the beer cellar. Fancy dress, cheap drinks, and cheesy music, typically.
<b>DOS</b>	'Director of Studies,' the senior academic in College responsible for your academic studies.
<b>ENTZ</b>	Short for Entertainment, organised by the JCR.
<b>GUEST NIGHT</b>	A traditional meal in hall, a bit more formal than normal Trinity formals. Happens every Friday, and you need to sign up beforehand.
<b>MATRICULATION</b>	The formal process of admitting new students to the university. Takes place on the Saturday of 1st week in Michaelmas.
<b>MCR</b>	(1) Middle Common Room, the common room for postgraduates. (2) The graduate student body of the College.
<b>PORTER</b>	Vital members of College staff who are a combination of receptionists and security staff. They also know (almost) everything that goes on in College. Can be found in the Porters' Lodge.

<b>PRELIMS / MODS</b>	Preliminaries, Preliminary Examinations are sat at the end of the first year, by most students. Alternatively, other students (depending on subject) will sit Mods, which are also exams. For example, if studying Law these exams will be after two terms or in Classics these will be after five terms. You need to pass these exams to continue your degree. They are a form of First Public Examination.
<b>SUB-FUSC</b>	Formal dress worn by students and academics on formal occasions, including matriculation, examinations and graduation. It is made up of dark suit, skirt or trousers, a white shirt or blouse and a white bow tie, or black ribbon, worn with a black gown and a mortar-board. The name derives from the Latin subfuscus, meaning dark brown.
<b>QUAD</b>	Quadrangle. The big square space in the middle of College, the focal point of College life. There are other quads, but 'the front quad' is the most important one and the first you'll see.
<b>THE OTHER PLACE</b>	Cambridge University.
<b>TUTOR</b>	Someone who teaches a students in groups of around 2-3. Gives tutorials.
<b>TUTORIAL</b>	Undergraduates attend, on average, one hour-long tutorial every week, sometimes on a one-to-one basis or more often with one or two other students. Students undertake a considerable number of hours' preparatory work for each tutorial, including background reading, essay-writing and problem-solving. What makes Oxford, Oxford! Often shortened to 'tute.'
<b>VAC</b>	Abbreviation of vacation.
<b>VARSIITY</b>	A competition in any field between Oxford and Cambridge.

# JCR Q&A WITH THE PRESIDENT



**Hilary Boulding**  
President, Trinity College Oxford

## Can you tell us who you are and your role in College?

My name is Hilary Boulding and I am the President or 'Head of House' of Trinity. All Colleges have a Head of House and although we have different titles (President, Principal, Rector, Master, Warden), we all perform largely the same role. We generally oversee the management of our respective Colleges and also represent our College – in my case Trinity- within and outside the University. My role is multi-faceted: I chair the meetings of Trinity's Governing Body and the College's committees which cover a wide range of our work; most of these committees include student representatives and this sharing of the organisation of the College is part of what contributes to our feeling of being a closely-knit community.

## What do you find most enjoyable about working and living at Trinity College?

Internally, one of the most enjoyable and interesting aspects of my role is that I meet individually with each student during their first week and then at specific points during their studies to discuss how they're getting on – both academically and socially. I'm available to students to discuss all sorts of issues – from their ideas for developing the College, to a discussion about careers, providing an occasional sounding board, and sometimes just being available for someone to 'offload' to. I live on-site in a beautiful home in the front quadrangle (occasionally with a lovely dog, Mollie, and as well as occasionally with my husband, who lives in Wales!) in a building right next door to the Junior Common Room (noise alert!)

## What is Trinity College like as a place and community?

I have found Trinity to be a stimulating, welcoming, inclusive and friendly community. It is really important to us to reach out to the widest range of potential students – from all over the UK and all over the world. We welcome this incredible diversity of students, academics and staff and we all benefit from the different experiences, cultures and perspectives that we collectively represent. If I could communicate just one thing in this letter, it would be to reassure you that there is no single 'type' of Oxford student. Oxford is a melting pot of every imaginable background, life experience and interest. If that excites you, then please do consider coming to Oxford and, even better, to Trinity.

## Can you tell us a bit about your own background and where you came from, prior to being President of Trinity?

My own background is that I attended my local comprehensive school in Newcastle upon Tyne in the North of England; I was

passionate about music, languages and sport. I was both amazed and thrilled (and to be honest, more than a bit nervous) to be offered a place at Oxford to read Music at St. Hilda's College, and the friendships and professional networks I discovered in Oxford have enriched everything I've done since then. I've worked in the BBC as a programme maker, as an arts administrator in the Music industry, and then as the Principal of a Music and Drama conservatoire. I genuinely believe that my experience of Oxford made all that possible and I'm committed to playing my part to ensure that Trinity students have a similarly fulfilling experience.

## Any final words for anyone thinking about applying to Oxford?

I do hope that you will consider choosing Trinity to be your College. If you do, you will be joining us at a time when we are developing an amazing array of new learning and social facilities – including a new lecture theatre/performance space, 46 new student bedrooms (all en-suite), teaching spaces, new student laundry and kitchens, complete with a Trinity café!

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