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TRINITY COLLEGE WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular)	Medicine
Biomedical Sciences	Modern Languages:
Chemistry	• French and Spanish
Classics	• French Single Honours ('French sole')
Classics and English	• Spanish Single Honours ('Spanish sole')
Classics and Modern Languages	• French and Portuguese
Computer Science	• Spanish and Portuguese
Economics & Management	• French with Classics or English or History or Linguistics or Philosophy
Engineering Science	• Spanish with Classics or English or History or Linguistics or Philosophy
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 Jonas Sandbrink, and I'm the Trinity College Junior Common Room (JCR) president for the academic year 2018/19. The JCR is the community of undergraduate students at Trinity. We organise events like karaoke nights, Big Organised Parties (BOPs), and pub quizzes; but more importantly the JCR committee represents the views of our student body to the College's governing body.



I am a second-year medic and my interests include public health and epidemiology. As a student from Berlin, I know the struggles of living (fairly) far from home and in a foreign country, but good news: I have found an amazing new home at Trinity.

Trinity is located right at 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! Aside from rowing, you will also hear me blasting Green Day and Nirvana from our well-stocked gym. Besides the many sports teams in Trinity, we also have lots of opportunities for the more artistically talented among us (I am very jealous). We have a chapel choir, student orchestra, and there are many opportunities to get involved in organising our annual Arts Week, which is well known around Oxford.

I fell in love with Trinity while playing darts in our lovely beer cellar; experiencing Christmas dinner in our historic hall and listening to Christmas carols sung by our chapel choir. 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 is what makes Trinity College.

I hope the following pages will give you some impression of student life at Trinity and encourage you to join this unique community!

See you soon!

Jonas Sandbrink

Trinity College JCR President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Sandbrink".

LIFE IN COLLEGE - FACILITIES



Hall

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 a 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 £18. Past Guest Night menus include treats such as butterscotch ice-cream and rib-eye steaks.



JCR

The Junior Common Room is a great space for gathering with friends. It includes a TV, DVD player, and a recently added Wii console which has revived the College's competitive spirit with

many Mario Kart players gathering for informal competitions. The ping pong is another popular feature of our JCR, where every Friday afternoon you can find people and plenty of snacks during our 'Welfare Tea' event held by the Welfare Reps. It is a convenient place to watch TV and movies, as well as the annual Eurovision song contest, with some great company.



Library

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

temporary building, the library also has a study/ reading room that can be booked through the College for any group studying sessions.



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. The Beer Cellar is home to a football table, a pool table, television, and darts board. 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 kitchen

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.

Laundry

The laundry room is perhaps not the most exciting in College, but it is definitely 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. The system has recently been revamped and is now internet

based, using a system familiar to that which you can pay for meals in Hall.

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. The lawns have most recently been used for the University's Garden Party and been graced with the presence of celebrities such as Katy Perry (and her dog).

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 Sunday Roast 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 and lots of different weights and dumbbells. 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...



Milind
Biochemistry (2nd Year)

Hey, I'm Milind, a second year Biochemist at Trinity. Science students tend to have more contact hours than humanities students, and our schedules can vary week-to-week, but here's what a typical weekday at Oxford looks like for me:

8:00 wake up and have breakfast in my room – each room at Trinity has a mini-fridge, and you're allowed kettles in your room – which is really convenient!

8:50 a short walk to the Sciences area for lectures. Second and third-year Biochemists normally have two hours of lectures a day, and first years have two or three.

11:00 after lectures, I come back to my room and go through emails, finish off some work, or pop into a friend's room for a catch up.

12:30 lunch in hall (Trinity's canteen) with the other

Biochemists. Trinity is regarded as one of the best Colleges for food in Oxford, with around 10 options to choose from at lunch time.

14:00 in the afternoon we often have a tutorial (2 or 3 on one class with a tutor) to go through the work handed in beforehand and discuss the wider topic area. Normally Trinity Biochemists have two tutorials a week, and first years have a larger weekly class for Maths/Stats too.

16:00 work in my room or Trinity's library. This involves reading scientific papers and reviews, making notes, and writing

weekly essays for tutorials, or completing lab write-ups

18:00 extracurricular events/talks. Oxford always has a wide range of interesting talks on in the evenings, and I like to go to a couple of these a week – for example OUCB (Oxford University Chemistry and Biochemistry Society) has external speakers come in to give talks about their specialist research areas.

19:00 dinner – Trinity's central location means Tesco is close by, and we have a kitchen in College (for those who can actually cook, but realistically most people stick a pizza in the oven!). Once in a while I'll go for a meal with friends to the high-street restaurants/shops or go to Formal Hall – which is a three-course served meal in hall that you wear your gowns for, just over your normal clothes!

20:30 socialising – whilst life at Oxford is busy, it's good to take a step away from work to go for a pint at the pub, talk to friends, or participate in a sport. I play in the inter-College pool league once a week.

22:00 back to work! Lots of

people get up early in the morning to work before lectures, but I'm more productive at night, so get on with an essay in my room for a couple of hours. We have free printing in Trinity College library, which makes handing in work to our tutor's pigeon hole at the lodge much easier.

00:00 sleep! After a long (and usually somewhat-productive) day, it's off to bed.

This is a typical weekday, but for second year Biochemists, there are two weeks (out of the 8-week term) in which we'll have labs – extended practicals that run from 11am-5pm for two or three days to carry out experiments and collect data, followed by a lab write-up with graphs to draw and questions to answer. On weekends, I like to have lie-ins until brunch in hall around noon. Saturdays and Sundays are pretty chilled out compared to the weekdays, so I spend more time with friends and carry on with reading for essays due the following week. On the whole, scientists do have lots of contact hours and work to do, but there's always time to enjoy extracurricular activities and enjoy life at Oxford!



India Classics (2nd Year)

8:00 Wake up, shower and make breakfast. My roommate often comes back from early morning rowing, so we often have a morning tea together.

10:00-12:00 Off to lectures! Classicists don't have too many lectures per week; the maximum is usually a two-hour slot per day.

12:30 Lunch in hall. Trinity food is amazing with so many options (weekend brunch being by far the best in the university). It's also a great opportunity to meet up with College friends; the busy schedule of Oxford life often means a constant need to catch up. Sometimes lunch is followed by a coffee in the beer cellar.

14:00-15:00 Tutorial. For Classics, we study two modules per term with one tutorial for each per week. Tutorials usually consist of presenting or discussing the essay topic for that week. There are usually two or three students per tutorial group.

15:30-18:00 Reading for the week's essays or language work in the library. Sometimes I go to a debate or talk at the Union for a study break.

18:00-19:00 Dinner. This is usually a takeaway (Wasabi is my guilty pleasure) or Hall.

19:30-22:30 Fencing training. I definitely recommend joining a society outside of College. You make a whole other set of friends and helps you get away from the heavy academics. Don't be afraid to try something new!

22:30-23:30 Pub with Fencers (much deserved after a long training session).

00:00 Bed after a long day a well-deserved rest.



Kirsty History and Politics (2nd Year)

Hi there! I'm Kirsty, a second-year History and Politics student. As a humanities student, my timetable varies significantly from day-to-day, so I will roughly outline the various things that I get done in a week! As the timing of most of my work (besides tutorials) is very flexible, I try to fit in as much other stuff as possible!

Academic commitments:

• I usually have 1.5 essays per week (1 per week and 1 per fortnight) so will spend roughly 5/6 hours per day reading, making

notes and then writing up a particular essay.

• In general, each essay takes about 2 or 3 days reading and 1-day writing— this work is extremely flexible though and can be timetabled according to other commitments.

• I like to 'library hop'— that is switching libraries to go on a walk between pieces of reading/ appreciate the different beautiful libraries in Oxford. Where you study is completely up to you!

• 12 tutorials across the 8-week term (usually 1 hour long) to discuss the essays and broader reading—they often feel just like an extended informal chat!

• Lectures (usually held around midday and very much optional)

• For Politics in 1st year I also had 'Q-step' (coding) classes with about 12 other 'Hispol' or PPE students.

General socialising

I often meet with my friends for lunch in Hall and we spend a lot of our relaxing time in each other's rooms throughout the week! There's such a huge variety of societies in Oxford (from Tea Appreciation Society to Oxford

Union talks and debates) that it is easy to find people with similar interests to your own.

Nights out

I try to have either a pub or club trip at least once per week. There are also 3 in-College 'bops' per term (think fancy dress school discos with a full range of refreshments), which are really popular!

Junior Common Room (JCR)

This is the student forum and also a physical socialising space onsite in College free for anyone

to use! As JCR Secretary this year, organising JCR stuff takes up a lot of time but is very rewarding! There are many opportunities to get involved in student politics around Oxford!

Rowing

I started rowing during my first year at University, having not set foot in a boat before! It is a great opportunity to socialise and improve fitness and the intensity of it is very much up to you! My weekdays often start with an early morning (6am wake-up) and then breakfast with my rowing pals!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

By **Lorraine Dindi** (2nd Year Law; International Representative) and **Adrian Kwong** (2nd Year History and Politics; Academic Affairs Representative)

What's it like moving between countries regularly?

Since the shortest of our 3 breaks ('vac's') 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.

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' being thrown around, remember that you are not alone! The International and BME 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

Junaid Hameed (1st Year Medicine)

Accommodation at Trinity is pretty nice. First things first, there's a fridge in every room, which gives Trinity students the luxury of a morning cup of tea or bowl of cereal without having to move more than about a metre and trek to a shared fridge somewhere. All rooms have a single bed, desk space, a pinboard, wardrobe, bookshelf space and a sink, but the luckier amongst you may have an ensuite or double bed. Whether you live in the fresher

(first year) Staircase 18, with its 24 first-year rooms, or in any of the other staircases around College, you won't ever be far from other students in your year and there's always a good sense of community. But to be honest, with Trinity's smaller student population, you'll find you get to know people outside your staircase just as well as those in it.

Jack Cross (1st year Economics & Management)

All first-year accommodation in Trinity is of a good standard. First year students are guaranteed

accommodation on the College site, which is brilliant because it's right in the centre of Oxford. Every room has a sink and a desk.

Most rooms have single beds, but a few lucky freshers will get doubles. Access to bathrooms and showers is generally quite good.

Second Year

Ellis Hesketh (2nd Year French) and Kitty Farrell-Roberts (2nd Year Philosophy and 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 (3rd Year 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). 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 and www.trinity.ox.ac.uk

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.

From the JCR Access and Bursaries Representatives

[Julia Pieza \(2nd Year History and Politics\)](#) and [Bradley Logan \(2nd Year History\)](#)

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 following 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; Careers Rep; Sports Rep; Environmental and Ethics Rep; Academic Affairs Rep

Equalities Committee:

Disabilities Rep; BME Rep; Women’s Rep; First-Generation Rep; International Rep; LGBTQIA 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

by Jess Skelton (2nd Year Classics) and Kat Beck (2nd Year Medicine)

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 (matches are at Worcester) 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! In the future we are hoping to secure some official kit, perhaps even get some coveted blue and yellow skorts, and continue to spread the netball love indiscriminately throughout Trinity.

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

Bradley Logan
(2nd Year History)

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, and have enjoyed great



Trinity College Boat Club

by Charlotte Green
(2nd Year Biochemistry)

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

success across the years, with the men's 2nd team recording double promotions and a title win, the 1st team being promoted this season to the dizzying heights of JCR division 2 (out of 3), and the women's team just missing out on promotion this year to Division 1 (out of 4). Trinity football also regularly has social events in which the teams go out for a meal to celebrate their successes during the season – and often a pub trip after a game!



Cricket Team

by Jake Lamplough (1st year Economics and Management)

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.

Tennis Team

by Tom Griffiths (2nd Year Classics)

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
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WOMEN'S TENNIS
GRYPHON SOCIETY
MUSIC SOCIETY
LAW SOCIETY
TRINITY PLAYERS**

Trinity College Choir

by Max Bennett (3rd Year Materials)

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. In 2018 it travelled to Rome and performed a concert in the impressive Sao Paulo Basilica. This summer it will be going to Prague!

Gryphon Society

by Mahi Joshi (2nd Year PPE)

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

by Andrew Orr
(3rd Year Physics)

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 Abbie Parry (1st Year English)

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

by Imogen Edwards-Lawrence
(3rd Year Classics)

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. Previous Lawns plays have included Shakespeare classics like *Much Ado about Nothing*, and this year the Players will be retelling the story of the *Great Gatsby*, set in Oxford!



Arts Week

by Marina Smith and Mia Testa (2nd Year English)

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

by Alessandro Prügel (1st Year PPE), Tiri Hughes (1st Year Medicine), Tay Drummond (1st Year Biochemistry), and Charlie Cossins (2nd Year Medicine)

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

by Hope Hopkinson (2nd Year Philosophy and Theology) and Rachel Dauncey (2nd Year Maths)

Hi! We are Hope and Rachel, Trinity's nearest and dearest Entertainment Representatives (Entz Reps for short). We 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’

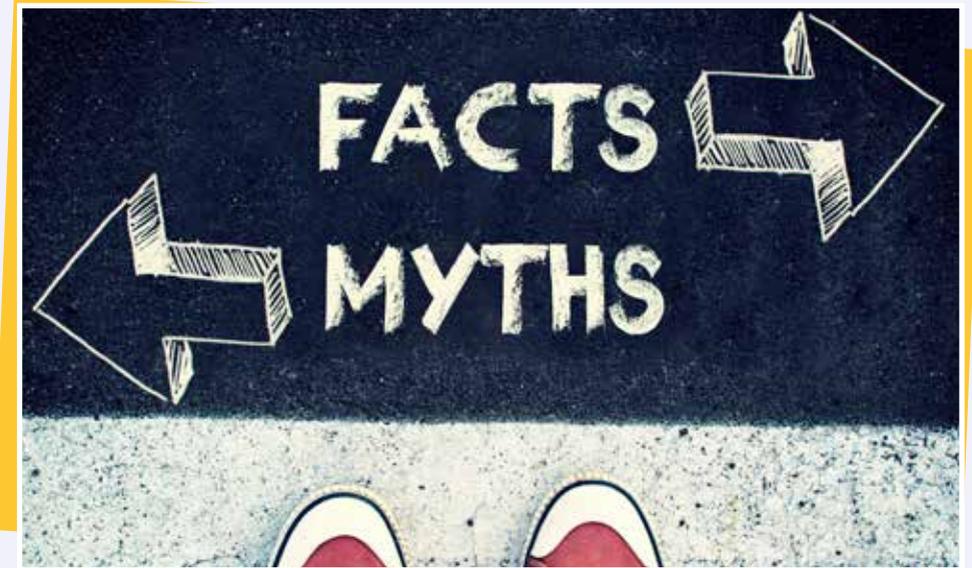
THE TRUTH: Most Oxford professors are forthcoming, open and friendly. The relationship students here have with their

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

BATTELS	The termly charges made to you by College. Includes accommodation, JCR levy, etc.
BLUE	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.
BOD CARD	Blue university student identification card received on arrival as a fresher.
BOP	College party in the beer cellar. Fancy dress, cheap drinks, and cheesy music, typically.
DOS	'Director of Studies,' the senior academic in College responsible for your academic studies.
ENTZ	Short for Entertainment, organised by the JCR.
GUEST NIGHT	A traditional meal in hall, a bit more formal than normal Trinity formals. Happens every Friday, and you need to sign up beforehand.
MATRICULATION	The formal process of admitting new students to the university. Takes place on the Saturday of 1st week in Michaelmas.
MCR	(1) Middle Common Room, the common room for postgraduates. (2) The graduate student body of the College.
PORTER	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.

PRELIMS / MODS	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.
SUB-FUSC	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.
QUAD	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.
THE OTHER PLACE	Cambridge University.
TUTOR	Someone who teaches a students in groups of around 2-3. Gives tutorials.
TUTORIAL	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.'
VAC	Abbreviation of vacation.
VARSITY	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, Penny and even more occasionally with my husband who works in Manchester!) 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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