



Linacre College Accommodation Information & FAQs 2024-25

For the Academic Year 2024/25, Linacre College has accommodation consisting of 200 single rooms, 12 double occupancy rooms suitable for a couple, 1 self-contained flat plus 2 properties suitable for a small family, reserved in the first instance for our first-year students, at various locations throughout Oxford.

The room you are allocated is for your sole use during the length of the Licence Agreement, which runs from **1st October 2024 – 31st July 2025** (shorter Licence Agreement periods are only available for the two rooms reserved for part-time students at 203 Iffley Road). We do not require students to vacate their rooms at any time during the Licence Agreement period in order to make way for conference guests or other visitors - a particular advantage to graduate students.

Most accommodation is provided in buildings which includes the use of communal kitchens and bathrooms/shower rooms, except the flats which have their own self-contained facilities. The Griffiths Building and Bamborough Building (both on the main College site), Stoke House (Headington) and 51 Union Street all have en-suite facilities. In addition, there is one single occupancy en-suite room and one double occupancy en-suite room in the OC Tanner Building (on the main site), six single occupancy en-suite rooms at 5 Bradmore Road, one single occupancy en-suite room at 189 Iffley Road and one at The Beeches, Divinity Road. There are also three accessible rooms on the main College site and if you require use of a room of this kind, you should contact the Accommodation Manager as soon as possible to discuss your needs.

Post codes are provided for you to research the property location and help you select the most suitable property based on your department location and any other requirements you may have.

Answers to some 'frequently asked questions' can be found below, and please also see the College website for detailed information on the accommodation available:

<http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/facilities/accommodation>

When can I apply for my accommodation?

You should submit your accommodation application form as soon as you have received your offer from the College – you do not have to wait until you have met your conditions.

Can I book two rooms and chose the one I want later?

You cannot book two rooms, you must decide on one room only. You will be asked to pay the deposit and sign the Licence Agreement as soon as you make the booking.

Can I ask for a particular room?

You are unable to pick a specific room. If you have a medical or disability related requirement for a certain type of room, you should discuss this with the Academic Registrar and Accommodation Manager as soon as possible.

Why does the rent vary within the same property?

Many of our properties have been repurposed from private residential buildings to student accommodation, so the rooms are often of varying sizes. This means that we charge slightly different amounts for renting rooms in the same building.

Can I see photographs of the room and a floor plan?

The photographs on the Linacre College website show a selection of the rooms at each house. Room viewings, photographs and/or floor plans of specific rooms are not available.

When is my room number confirmed?

Your room number will be confirmed when you have signed your Licence Agreement and returned it, with your deposit. A deposit is not required from students in receipt of certain scholarships, e.g. Commonwealth or AfOx scholars – ask the Accommodation Manager if you think this applies to you. If you do not return your Licence Agreement within 2 weeks of it being sent out, your reservation is cancelled.

When do I have to pay my rent?

Rent is charged monthly in advance, on the 1st of each month. It will be charged to your College battels account, which will be set up before you arrive in Oxford. This is also how you pay for food in the dining hall, drinks in the common room etc.

Battels payments are due by the 20th of each month.

You will be liable for rent from your arrival date into your room OR from 1st October 2024, whichever is the sooner. Rent breaks are not given for any period you may be out of the accommodation, for example, if you go on vacation or a fieldwork trip, you are liable to pay the full rent for the entire Licence Agreement period.

What's included in my monthly rent?

Rent currently includes all utility bills (heating, electricity and water), as well as an internet connection. WIFI and/or Ethernet is also included, but the cost of a Television Licence is not. *Tenants are required by law to obtain an appropriate licence for any television set or online streaming device used in the property. Failure to comply may lead to a fine by the TV licensing authority. You may apply on line here <https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/>*

A team of cleaners will visit each property week days only to clean the communal areas, including bathrooms and kitchens. Most properties are cleaned daily, Monday to Friday with a small number cleaned twice weekly. En-suites are cleaned weekly by the cleaning team, you cannot request for an en-suite not to be cleaned and you must allow the cleaner access on your scheduled cleaning day to carry out this task. Students are expected to keep kitchens and bathrooms clean and tidy between housekeeping visits. Students must clean their own rooms, and can borrow hoovers to complete this task. Linacre prides itself on having good environmental credentials and students are expected to separate waste into the correct waste stream for recycling, including using food waste caddies that are provided.

Please be aware, cleaning schedules may differ during periods when the cleaning team are short-staffed.

Do I have to pay a deposit?

A deposit of £300 for a single room, or £450 for a double room, is due with your signed Licence Agreement. The deposit is held until the end of your tenancy and deductions will be made for any additional cleaning required or damage made to the room.

If I change my mind, do I get my deposit back?

If you do not take up your place at Linacre you will be refunded your deposit and not charged your rent. If you simply change your mind then you will forfeit your deposit and will be liable to pay rent on the room you have signed up for unless, and until, College finds a replacement resident for that room

Can I arrive earlier, and stay after, the standard Licence Agreement period?

Rooms will be available to all from Saturday 21st September 2024. It is possible we may be able to accommodate you before then. If you wish to arrive in Oxford earlier than the 21st September, you should contact the Accommodation Manager with your preferred arrival date so that we can check when your room will be available from. You may have to use a temporary room if yours is not ready if you arrange to arrive before 21st September. You will be liable for rent charges for any early arrival period.

It's also likely that we will be able to accommodate you after your Licence Agreement period ends on 31st July 2025, typically up to the middle of September 2025. However, this does depend on circumstances such as the summer maintenance schedule, and can only be confirmed in April 2025. The Accommodation Manager will contact you around this time to establish if you wish to stay after 31st July. While the Accommodation Manager will endeavor to keep you in the same room, this is not guaranteed and you may be asked to move to a different room in another location from the 31st July, for the extension period.

Am I allowed to leave before the Licence Agreement ends on the 31st July 2025?

In exceptional circumstances you are allowed to leave before the Agreement ends. If you wish to consider leaving early you must contact the Accommodation Manager for further information. You should read your Licence Agreement for more information

What furniture will there be in my room?

In addition to the bed, Linacre rooms typically contain a wardrobe, a chest of drawers, a desk and chair and book shelves. Rooms have a desk lamp and ceiling light. Most rooms also have an 'easy chair'. In a few cases furniture may vary according to space and the measurements/design of the room.

As you are living with others, please ensure that any luggage you bring with you will fit comfortably within your room as you will not be able to store it in communal areas and College has no storage space to offer. You are advised not to bring any larger items, especially of furniture, but if you do, it must be with the Accommodation Managers permission and it must comply in full to UK fire regulations. You must remove the items and all personal possessions as you vacate, they cannot be left for the next tenant.

Do you provide bedding and towels?

We do not provide bedding but you are able to purchase a bedding pack (consisting of a duvet and cover, fitted sheet, pillow and case) and a towel pack at the time of your room allocation, which will be put in your room upon arrival. Bedding packs currently cost £30, towel packs are £10 but may be subject to a price increase for 2024-25. The charge will be added to your battels. Further information on how to order the bedding pack will be contained in the email narrative accompanying your Licence Agreement.

What equipment is in the kitchen?

All kitchens (with the exception of the self-contained flat and the family accommodation) are shared. On average, one fridge shelf, one freezer drawer and one kitchen cupboard in the kitchen will be available for your own use. A limited number of basic kitchen utensils are supplied for use in the communal kitchen, but you will need to supplement these with your own cooking equipment and crockery. Please do not bring an excessive amount of cooking equipment, you need to share the kitchen facilities fairly and will not be able to use any additional storage space other than your allotted cupboard. Please note, we have a clear kitchen policy in place and no items should be left on the kitchen counters, in the sink or on draining boards, or on the tops of fridges and kitchen cupboards.

Are there facilities for washing clothes?

There are laundry machines, irons and ironing boards in the properties. There is currently no charge to use the laundry machines although you must provide your own detergent. You are asked to use the laundry machines responsibly and not wash and dry just one or two items at a time but to wash and dry full loads.

Where possible, the off-site houses have clothes driers in the garden. In line with Linacre's environmental ethos, you are asked to use this in preference to the tumble drier wherever possible.

You should not dry washing in your rooms as doing so creates damp and mould.

Am I allowed to have guests stay?

In accordance with the Licence Agreement, you are permitted to have a guest stay in your room for no more than three consecutive nights, at infrequent periods (once or twice per term) through the year. You must inform the Lodge, via a simple online form, of the names and dates that your guests will be staying, for health and safety purposes. However, if Government Covid restrictions are implemented, College reserves the right to suspend guest overnight stays until it is safe to do so.

College has two en-suite double guest rooms on the main site which any student may book to host guests in. The cost is currently £80 per night for double occupancy, book via the Accommodation Manager. The guest rooms are extremely popular and availability cannot be guaranteed. The length of any stay is limited to 14 days maximum.

Am I allowed to sublet my room?

No, subletting is not allowed at any time whether payment is or is not exchanged.

Can I have a pet in my accommodation?

No animals are allowed into the College buildings, with the exception of Guide Dogs. You cannot keep any pet in the room or building.

Can I bring my own kettle/toaster/rice cooker?

No. For reasons of fire safety, only College owned cooking equipment can be used in College kitchens and no cooking may take place in bedrooms.

The only exception is that you are permitted to have a kettle in your bedroom but, again for reasons of fire safety, you must purchase this from College, at cost price, from either the College lodge on arrival or by contacting the Accommodation Manager in advance.

Can I bring my own fridge for my room?

No, for reasons both of fire safety and in line with our environmental policy, individual fridges are not permitted in student bedrooms.

Is there parking available?

There is no parking available for students or guests, at any time (including overnight and at weekends). You are very strongly advised not to bring a car to Oxford, parking is very difficult to obtain and, where it is possible, typically expensive. You will not be eligible for a council parking permit if you are living in any of College's accommodation. No University building in the city (libraries/labs etc) have parking available and a car will simply not be of use to you in the city.

Is there cycle parking at the accommodation?

Yes, all properties have outdoor bike racks. They vary in design according to the house and some are located in the front yard area of houses. Cycle theft is relatively common in Oxford so you are advised to invest in a good 'D-Lock' and to register your bicycle. Most people use a cheap bike which is undesirable to thieves in Oxford. You are not permitted to store a bicycle in your college room or any part of the property as they pose a Health and Safety risk. Bikes found inside the property will be removed by immediately the maintenance team.

Can I have post and parcels sent ahead of my arrival?

You should not send post and parcels ahead of arrival, but arrange for them to arrive the day you move into accommodation or for after arrival. You should use the main Linacre College address **(Linacre College, St Cross Road, Oxford, OX1 3JA)** as your correspondence address, rather than your accommodation address. The Lodge team will notify you when a parcel has been delivered, post will be placed directly into your pigeonhole. College will not be held responsible for any post or parcels delivered directly to your accommodation address.

Linacre College only ever lets accommodation directly via our accommodation team and does not use third parties to grant tenancy agreements, under any circumstances.

IMPORTANT NOTE - all monthly rents listed on the College website are for the current academic year 2023/24, and are subject to an annual increase from 1st September 2024, for the new academic year.