

EXETER COLLEGE OXFORD



# Alternative Prospectus





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*We would like to extend our thanks to all the JCR reps and students who contributed to this Alternative Prospectus.*



## LETTER FROM JCR PRESIDENT

*Welcome to Exeter College,  
Oxford: the friendliest college  
in Oxford!*

I'm Amber, a second-year English Language and Literature student and President of the JCR (Junior Common Room). The JCR is our physical common room on Turl street and the undergraduate representative body in college. The committee organises social events, supports welfare and promotes student perspectives to college. My focus, along with that of the wider JCR, is to cultivate a safe, inclusive and exciting experience for all.

Selecting a university and which college to apply to can feel daunting, and I hope this prospectus will help you get to know Exeter and support your decision-making process.

Whether it be the central location, rich history, the picturesque Fellows' Garden or the college cat (shoutout to Walter) that attracted you to Exeter, our community will make you want to stay. The JCR and College are here to support you from Freshers' Week to Graduation—and beyond.

Please check out our social media (@exeterjcr and @exetercollegeox on Instagram) and visit an open day in the future. Exeter—and Oxford—are places for everyone. Wherever you choose, we hope you find a place that feels like home—and if that place is Exeter, we can't wait to welcome you!

*Amber Bebbler*

JCR PRESIDENT



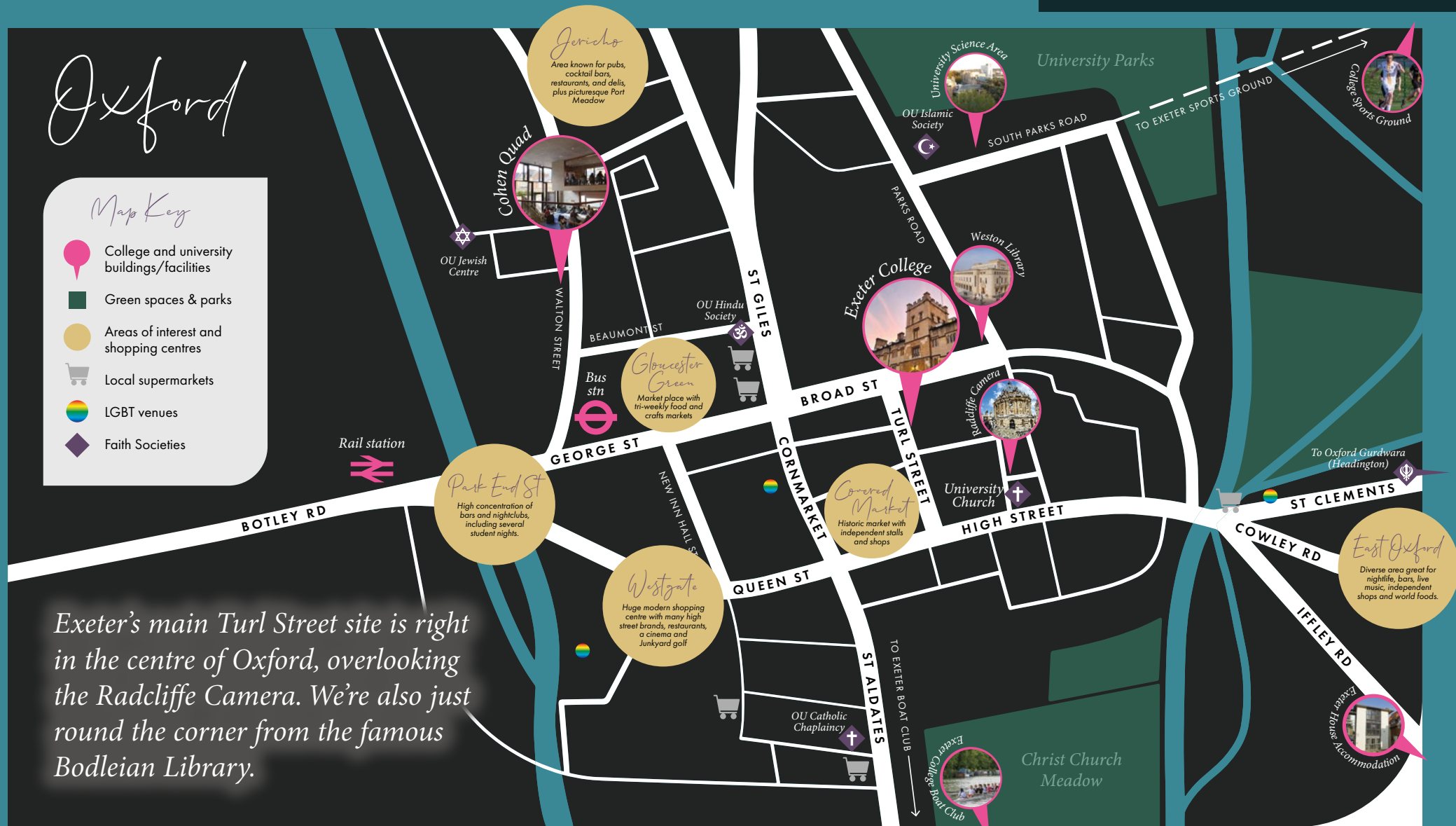


# Academic life

*Exeter students are laid-back but hard-working, and the College's vast range of impressive academic services helps to facilitate that.*

The College's expert tutors are friendly, encouraging and provide insightful feedback to their students. Exeter fosters a collaborative environment through many shared workspaces across both the historic Turl Street site and our modern Cohen Quad. Academic staff will also host events, such as subject dinners, throughout the year, to bring together students of similar disciplines. We are lucky to have Turl Street's extremely central location, allowing for short travel distances to many of the university's department buildings, libraries and lecture halls. Our own College library has recently been renovated, reopening as a modern, comfortable, and more accessible workspace in a stunning Victorian Gothic building, with 24-hour opening times and over 80,000 books!





Nearby there is the Covered Market (a historic market with independent stalls and shops), Gloucester Green (with tri-weekly food and craft markets), and Westgate (a huge modern shopping centre with many high street brands, restaurants, a cinema and Junkyard golf). Our Fellows' Garden is a picturesque place to sit out in the sun with friends, and other green spaces around Oxford include Port Meadow, University Parks, and Christ Church Meadow, lovely places to escape to during term time!

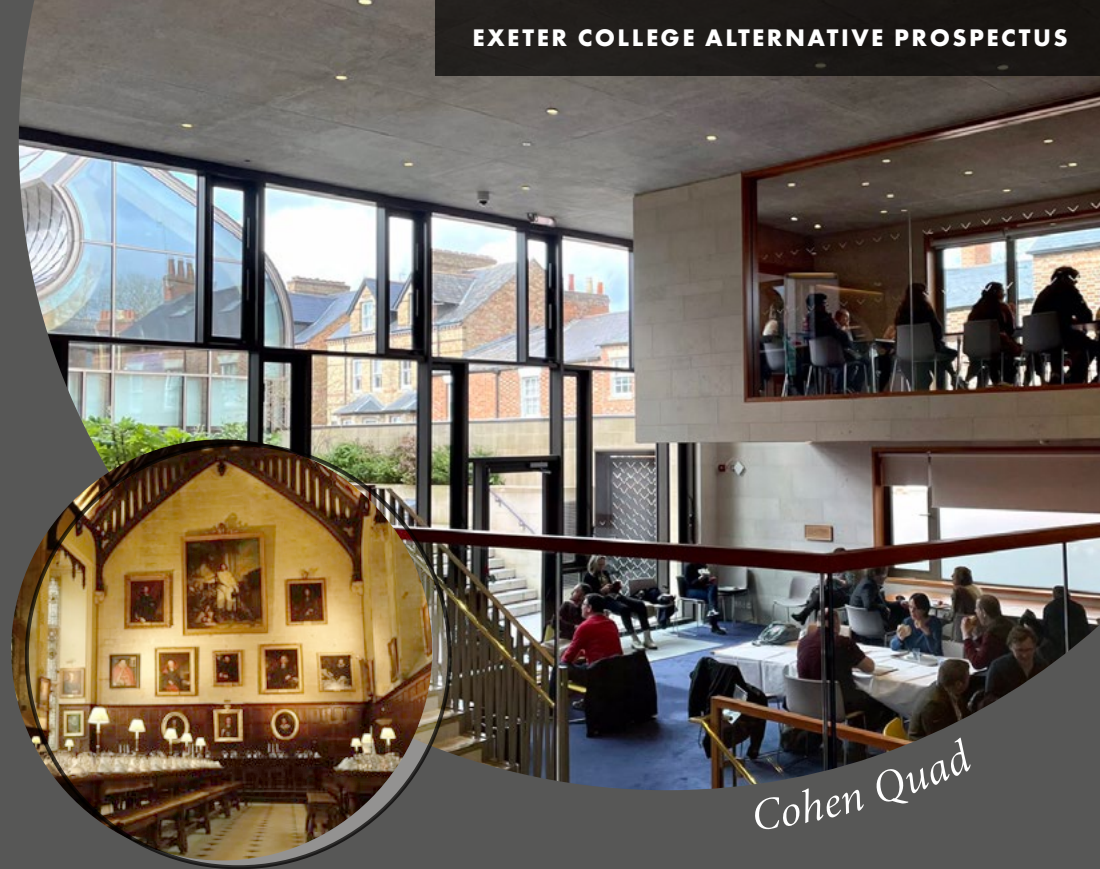
Exeter also has a Sports Ground located up South Parks Road and a College Boat House by the river. Rowing is a really popular sport in Oxford, and something you can pick up from scratch in any year of your degree. Every summer, Exonians go to the College Boat House to cheer on our rowing teams in the Summer Eights races!

Discover all of Oxford's Faith Societies





# Hall & Food



Cohen Quad

*At Exeter, food is pretty good! At both the Dakota Café in Cohen Quad and on the main site at Turl Street, Monday-Friday, students can find a breakfast bar.*

On these days, both also offer a varied lunch service – Cohen Quad's paninis are not to be missed! Dinner is served every day at the main site. Over the weekend, students from across the College come to Hall on Turl Street for an affordable brunch of a full English breakfast. On Wednesdays and Sundays (and other special occasions, including festivals such as Lunar New Year, Diwali, Christmas, and Burns Night), students can attend Formal Hall, which is a 3-course dinner held in Hall. There will always be vegetarian and vegan options, while all chicken served is prepared to be halal. Students, if they give notice, are also able to request catering to any specific dietary need. And if you don't feel like eating in hall, there are kitchens at Cohen Quad, as well as a shared kitchen in Turl Street that we can use!



# The Undercroft Bar



*The Undercroft Bar is placed next to the hall, right in the centre of College. Every evening, from 6pm, the bar opens as a lively social space.*

You'll normally be served by the lovely bar manager Vilmos, or one of your fellow students working the bar, so there's always a friendly face there to greet you. The bar hosts things like the weekly rugby and football drinks but it is also a chill place to play some pool with friends, or have a chat over a drink. During bops ('big organised parties' in College) the bar serves 'bop juice', both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, a colourful drink specially made for bop nights. Because it is subsidised, The Undercroft Bar is one of the cheapest places in Oxford to grab a drink, all while being close to home, so you can visit with the people you'll come to know best!



# Accommodation

*There are many types of accommodation at Exeter. All first years live on the main Turl Street site where there are a variety of rooms graded by price, based on size and facilities.*

This is also home to our beautiful chapel, the JCR (Junior Common Room), our hall (used for both formal dinners and normal meals) and our library, found in the Fellows' Garden. In our opinion, the Fellows' Garden (which is open to students) offers the best views in the whole of Oxford. Older years tend to live in a variety of locations, from the main site to College-owned Friendship houses to Exeter House on the Iffley Road and Cohen Quadrangle. Opened in 2017, Cohen Quad is Exeter's most modern site and comprises three floors of rooms, as well as study and social spaces and the Dakota Café. No matter your requirements or preferences, Exeter has something for everyone and accommodation is allotted each year by a ballot to ensure as fair a process as possible.



*The best view in Oxford*





# Welfare

*"It's really important to the welfare reps and our trained peer supporters that everyone feels included in college life! We try to host as many events as possible so that everyone has the chance to come out and be social. It is so wonderful to see people at welfare teas, pottery painting, and more. Our central goal is to make the JCR a warm and welcoming community and it is so lovely when we get the chance to see that come to life! We're here to be the front-facing side of that community – acting as friendly faces for everyone."*

LIZ, MAISIE AND TOM, JCR WELFARE REPS

*In College, you're never far from a friendly face! The student welfare reps make it their mission to keep the collective spirit high, putting the 'life' back into work-life balance.*

They work with College to fulfil the JCR's wellbeing needs, ready to help with any student's concerns. They are engaged in College life and are always there for a chat if you need one. Every Wednesday, they raid the shops and return with a trove of snacks for the College, known as a 'Welfare Tea'. This is a great way to catch up with everyone in College and get some free food! They also host Wii tournaments and movie nights, run workshops, and arrange visits from all sorts of fluffy animals, including puppies and alpacas! On top of our wonderful JCR welfare reps, we have a brilliant Welfare chaplain and College nurse who are always around and happy to talk.





*Here at Exeter, there are a whole host of grants and scholarships that are available.*

The College believes that financial hardship shouldn't prevent students from making the most of their time at university, in all elements of student life, academic and extracurricular. College financial support, along with university-wide funding and grants, such as the Crankstart Scholarships and Oxford Bursaries, means that there are plenty of opportunities to excel here at Exeter. As well as hardship grants, there are prizes for academic performance and grants for things totally unrelated to your studies!

**1**

*Academic prizes  
for high performance*

**2**

*Hardship grants &  
Student support funds*

**3**

*Non-Academic Grants  
for enhancing the  
student experience*

*Some of the grants for undergraduate students here at Exeter:*

- **Undergraduate Year Abroad Funding** for those studying Modern Languages with a year abroad
- **Vacation Study Grants** to help with the cost of staying in College during the vacation (when you have academic commitments outside term-time)
- **Sports and Arts Grants** for students who wish to undertake a sporting or arts activity separate to their studies
- **Travel Grants** for students who wish to travel abroad during the vacation for non-academic purposes
- **Internship Bursaries** for students who are doing internships during the summer vacation
- **50% fee reimbursement** for "Fast Track" language courses run by the University

*More information, including eligibility, can be found here:*



*Financial Assistance*



# Sports & Societies

*College is an amazingly inclusive environment, where everyone can pursue their interests no matter their ability.*

There is a variety of different sports, ranging from ice hockey to netball! Exeter boasts a strong boat club, with the women's first boat winning 'blades' this year, and a thriving football club, with the first team recently being promoted to the premier division. Annual cup competitions in most sports mean those who want to play at a higher level can show their prowess while league fixtures and friendlies occur most weeks for people who just want some fun.

Exeter hosts an annual ball, where the college is transformed for a night of glitz, glamour, dodgems and midnight mac n cheese! College balls are a tradition associated with the university and often one of the highlights of the year. The ball theme changes every year, with the committee choosing a more nautical theme for 2025! The college also acknowledges that many students have financial concerns regarding the ball - discounted tickets are therefore offered to those who would not be able to attend otherwise.

Away from sport, we have a dedicated MAD (Music, Arts, and Drama) representative who organises events like theatre productions and termly live music nights, giving those who feel like it a chance to perform! Additionally, we host the wonderful Turl Street Arts Festival (with our neighbours, Lincoln and Jesus) every February, which is a fabulous opportunity to appreciate some incredible pieces of art right at our doorstep.



*Turl Street Arts Festival 2025*

ExVac is the college's charity, and getting involved is often one of the highlights of many students' time here. ExVac takes disadvantaged children from Oxfordshire to the New Forest for a week in April, giving them the opportunity to meet new people and participate in activities that their circumstances otherwise may not allow. It is an incredibly rewarding experience for the children and students alike. Throughout the year, ExVac hosts several events to raise money for the charity, such as a promise auction and karaoke. As well as being great ways to unwind from the degree, it's also a brilliant way to support an amazing cause.





# The JCR

*Our Junior Common Room serves a dual purpose.*

As well as being a comfortable place to relax in, it also represents the undergraduate student body within College, providing a space for everyone to have their say on the issues within College that matter most to them. This is done through a dedicated group of democratically elected representatives. If student politics isn't your thing, then just swing by for the cheap hot drinks from the vending machines! The JCR is not only the hub of College activity and a chill space to hang out, but a really incredible community to be a part of here at Exeter!







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