

May 2021

Dear Offer Holders,

We wrote to you earlier about the delays to the building work for 2021/22. Over the last few months, the college has been working hard to find alternatives for a college home and I can now confirm that we will be sharing facilities with Linacre College for 2021/22. This includes the library, study space, college bar, dining hall, gym, guest rooms and music rooms. Reuben College will also have its own common room within the Linacre College site for both students and fellows, and a small separate building alongside for meetings with the President and administrative offices.

Due to the pandemic, alternative arrangements are currently in place at Linacre, as will all colleges, for the use of its facilities. For example, currently the [dining hall at Linacre](#) is only able to offer a takeaway lunch service (Monday to Friday), with a 'eat later' takeaway service for collection during lunch-time. There are also some outdoor seats available for those who would like to eat their meal there. There is a booking system in place to use the study space, the library and the gym. We do not know what arrangements will be in place for the next academic year as it depends on how well the UK is progressing against the virus. Both Linacre and Reuben College are keen for everything to be back as normal as possible for the next academic year but it is largely dependent on the situation which is out of our hands. We will let you know what the arrangements will be nearer to the time but in the meantime, the university has a [dedicated page on the pandemic](#) to keep you informed of what is happening in the University.

If social-distancing rules allow, Reuben College will hold its [formal dinners on Wednesdays](#) at Linacre College's dining hall. There will be a series of personal development workshops in our common room preceding these formal dinners. On Thursdays, Reuben College will hold seminars at the the world famous [Natural History Museum](#), followed by "dinner with the dinosaurs". Student representatives at Reuben and Linacre will also be organising joint and dedicated social activities.

The academic year of 2021/22 is the first intake at Reuben College and we are expecting about 100 full-time students. We hope the partnership with Linacre will provide Reuben College students the best of both worlds: a small network at Reuben College, with most students accommodated at Farndon Court; and a wider network of students and facilities at Linacre College.

Upcoming College events

The College, with the University's Gardens, Libraries and Museums (GLAM) are holding an online seminar entitled [Immortal Visualisations](#) on 21 May at 3pm. The seminar is a conversation between [Ben Denzer](#), artist-in-residence at the Board Institute of MIT and two Reuben Fellows, [Esther Becker](#) and [Angeliki Kerasidou](#). Ben Denzer will also give a presentation on his two unique books; "60,000 Immortalized Individuals", a small, thick ring-bound catalogue of public information on individuals whose cells are "immortalized" in cell lines used for scientific research, and "12,000 Skin Cells", a set of three small ring-bound books, each containing images of 12,000 fibroblast cells of people with and without bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. You are warmly invited to join us by registering on the website using the link provide above.

Offer-holders session

We will be holding an online offer-holders session on 20 May at 3pm, UK time.

Draft programme:

3.00-3.25 – Welcome from the President, Professor Lionel Tarassenko
Academic and Student Provisions from the Senior Tutor, Dr Caroline Mawson
Graduate Common Room and student events, Lauren Bolz

3.25-3.45 – Meet with theme representatives, attendees will be divided into college themes.

3.45-4.00 – What next and Q& A session with Lauren Bolz, Dr Caroline Mawson and Ellen Moilanen

This will be an opportunity for you to meet other members of the college and find out what plans we have for the next academic year. If you are interested in attending this session, please sign-up using this form.

Graduate Common Room

Lauren, your Graduate (Advisory) President will be reaching out in the summer months for ideas and volunteers to help with planning your freshers' week and Michaelmas term activities. Feel free to reach out to her with questions or suggestions about this or anything else about student life at graduate.president@reuben.ox.ac.uk.

Accommodation

The refurbishment at Farndon Court is going well. We are finalising some details on the accommodation and will be sending you the accommodation booklet and form in the next few weeks.

Top tips

You will find this university website useful to you, <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students>. It has all the information you need as an offer holder to on-course and graduation.

If you have any questions concerning your offer at Oxford, please continue to email me at admissions@reuben.ox.ac.uk. If you have not done so, please join the Reuben College Offer Holders page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/reubencollegeofferholders> to keep yourself updated with the latest updates from Reuben. You can also search for 'Reuben College 2021 Offer Holders' on Facebook. It should appear on your search results. Please note that this group is moderated and please be mindful of the college's [social media policy](#) when interacting with this group.

Best wishes,

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