

## Graduate Study at Oxford



### Christ Church: A Tour

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AUDIO	VISUAL
Music - plays throughout.	Text 'Christ Church' appearing over aerial footage of Christ Church and the Oxford skyline.
Hello and welcome to Christ Church,	The main entrance to Christ Church on a grey and wet day, with numerous people and cyclists on the street.
my name is Rafi and I study medicine here, and I've been here for the past six years. Christ Church is a large college and it's a mixed college of both undergrads and postgrads, with about 215 graduate students.	Student Rafi standing in Tom Quad, surrounded by traditional buildings.
	Looking across Tom Quad at traditional styled buildings made of Cotswold stone, with wooden doors.
	Rafi walking across Tom Quad, through a doorway.
This is the GCR, or the Graduate Common Room,	Inside the Graduate Common Room, with large windows, yellow walls, numerous large red/brown leather sofas, and a piano.
and it's a shared area that's available for use by	Rafi in the Graduate Common Room (GCR).
all graduate students here at Christ Church,	A group photo hanging on the wall of the GCR of old GCR student members.
and it's also the place where	Another view of the GCR, with large sofas in the foreground and a large flatscreen TV in the background.
we host multiple events such as	A framed drawing hanging on the wall of the GCR of Christ Church.
BOPs, which are big parties, whiskey and wine tasting sessions, movie screenings,	Rafi in the Graduate Common Room (GCR).
and whatever else you can think of.	Inside the GCR kitchen, a hexagonal shaped room with kettles, coffee machine, dishwasher.
But the GCR is not just the physical space,	A small dining room off the main GCR, with red carpet, cream walls, a large wooden table and numerous chairs scattered around the room.
the GCR refers to the entire graduate community of Christ Church	Rafi in the Graduate Common Room (GCR).
with its own committee and its own events.	Another view of the GCR, with large sofas in the foreground and a pair of antlers hanging on the wall in the background above a doorway.

	A close up of a framed poem hanging on the wall of the GCR, written by Albert Einstein.
	Rafi walking through a corridor with numerous sets of lockers, and down stairs with white walls and wooden beams.
And over there in front of us	Looking out over Tom Quad, with a lawn with a round fountain in the middle.
is the deanery, where the Dean of Christ Church lives,	Looking in the corner of Tom Quad, with traditional buildings with a few large wooden doors, and the spire of Christ Church Cathedral in the background.
and the reason it's of interest is because it's technically an unoccupied royal palace, because er, King Charles I think it was, during the Civil War, er, actually stayed here and ran parliament	Rafi walking through Tom Quad.
from the Great Hall.	Looking across Tom Quad to the Great Hall in the distance.
The door handle on the deanery's door,	The door to the Deanery, with a christmas wreath hanging, and a small knocker and postbox about a third of the way up.
that was for the Alice from Alice in Wonderland, who was actually one of the Dean's daughters, and so that little door handle was there for her, erm, and, and the guy who wrote Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll, was the librarian at Christ Church and wrote Alice in Wonderland as a series of stories he told Alice when he was babysitting her, um, so it's a big part of the Christ Church mythology.	Rafi in Tom Quad.
	Looking across Tom Quad at traditional styled buildings made of Cotswold stone, with wooden doors.
	A round lamp hanging in Tom Quad.
This is Peckwater Quad where we have our Christmas Tree,	Looking across Peckwater Quad, with a large christmas tree in the centre, large lawn and two large traditional buildings on either side of the quad.
and around Peck, if you can see, there's er,	Rafi in Peckwater Quad.
commemorations of our sporting victories.	Close up of one of the walls with two large windows, and a series of drawings and writing in the middle that reads 'Mens 1st Torpid. Head of the River. Christ Church Boat Club. Rowed Over Each Night. 2010.'
So for most of the colleges there's a mixed, er, graduate and undergraduate team apart from things like football where there's a... competitive GCR and JCR team.	Rafi in Peckwater Quad.
	Looking across Peckwater Quad.

Christ Church also offers a range of sports facilities	The triangular rooftop of one of the buildings in Peckwater Quad.
including tennis courts, cricket greens, rugby pitches and a multi-use sports area, as well as squash courts just across the road in St Aldate's Quad, the rowing club and it's facilities, and free access to the university gym.	Rafi in Peckwater Quad.
	Looking across Peckwater Quad with the Christmas Tree in the centre.
	Looking up at the corner of Christ Church library, a white columned building with gold capitals on each column, and large windows.
This is the library,	Another view of the library, with large wooden doors in the centre.
so it's two floors there's a lower library and an upper library. It's a study space free for use by both undergrads and postgrads,	Rafi standing in front of the wooden doors to the library.
really well stocked with almost every book you could need for your course.	Looking up at the roof of Christ Church library, with four large columns with gold capitals, and three large windows.
If you still need your own copy of the book, or indeed if you need any other equipment for your research, or need to travel for field work or conference purposes, Christ Church has a very generous travel, research and equipment grant for you to use including electronic resources and hardware.	Rafi standing in front of the wooden doors to the library.
	Rafi walking through an alley, with large walls made of Cotswold stone, and through an arch back into Tom Quad.
	A view looking down through an arch into Tom Quad.
	Looking down at the staircase up to the Great Hall, with large windows and black old fashioned style lamps.
	Another view of the staircase up to the Great Hall.
	Rafi walking up the stairs to the Great Hall.
	The fan vaulted ceiling above the staircase.
So welcome to the Great Hall,	The Great Hall, a long wood panelled room with black and gold ceiling, large stain glass windows, three long tables running down the room, lamps running down the centre of each table, and chairs spaced apart.
obviously set up for social distancing at the moment, but normally you'd be able to eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner here,	Rafi in the Great Hall.

and there are two dinner sittings every night,	Looking across the Great Hall, with dining table lamps in the foreground, and a large stain glass window and paintings hanging in the background.
an informal sitting around 6pm	A fire burning in one of the fireplaces in the Great Hall.
which is sort of cafeteria style,	A series of traditional portrait paintings hanging on the wall.
where you grab your meal, sit and eat it, and then a 7pm formal sitting, where you wear your gowns, read a Latin grace before dinner - don't actually have to wear formal wear - and get a served three-course meal. Um, in addition, um, for graduate students every Wednesday there's either an exchange dinner where we go for one leg in another colleges hall, and then they come to our hall for the other leg, or there's a guest dinner where you get the same food as high table, where the tutors sit, you get that with some wine for your meal. And once a term there's a black tie night which has a four course meal,	Rafi in the Great Hall.
wine and a prosecco reception.	Another view looking down the Great Hall, with the back wall covered in large traditional portrait paintings.
Hall food is generally very good, and is able	Another of the fireplaces with a fire burning, with a wood panelled wall with traditional portrait paintings hanging.
to cater for a variety of dietary requirements including halal, vegetarian, vegan and various food and nut allergies.	Another view down the Great Hall.
	Another view of the Great Hall.
So this here is the buttery, one of two bars at Christ Church.	A small wood panelled and white walled room, with numerous rowing oars on the walls, a small fireplace, and wooden tables and chairs.
So you can come here and grab a bottle of wine or a beer just before dinner and take it with you into the hall.	Rafi in the Buttery.
Dinner is a fantastic experience	A display of old wine bottles and glasses.
and a way to meet lots of different people from	A close up of the old rowing oars on the walls of the buttery, with the central one reading 'OUBC Pairs - 1926'.
all over the world, who are all really passionate, and really clever, and really good at what they do, and it makes for some fantastic conversations that you probably won't have anywhere else.	Rafi in the Buttery.
	Back in the staircase leading up to the Great Hall, with large windows and two old fashioned black lamps.
	Looking through an arch into Tom Quad.

	Rafi walking through a wooden doorway.
So this is the Undercroft Bar, the second bar, um,	In the Undercroft Bar, a large white basement room, with large columns throughout holding up the arched ceiling, and brown leather sofas stacked to one side.
normally this is where events like karaoke nights or post guest dinner drinks would happen, there's a pool table, and a darts board, and a generally a nice place to come and watch the football or the rugby, as well as grab a few drinks and it's open most evenings during the week. However during COVID times, um, obviously this has shut down and instead has been moved to a temporary bar up in a marquee in the Master's Garden.	Rafi in the Undercroft Bar, standing in front of the wooden main bar.
	The bar in the Undercroft Bar, with various bottles of spirits along the back wall.
	Rafi walking across a gravel area surrounded by old buildings.
	Aerial footage of Christ Church and the Oxford skyline.
Here at Christ Church there's also a range of welfare support available to graduate students, so this ranges from your college advisor who will be in your specific field of study and can provide a second opinion on academic matters, and someone else to go for besides your main DPhil or Master's thesis supervisor. And from a more pastoral side there's also Claire who's the welfare coordinator, who's fantastic at what she does, and there's also the GCR welfare reps, and a peer support system, and three wardens who are on call out of hours, in case of any welfare emergencies that happen outside working hours.	Rafi standing in front of an old stone archway.
	Rafi walking through an open gate in an old stone wall.
So this here is the Master's Garden,	Rafi walking across the Master's Garden, and large green lawn area with plants and stone wall at the back, with the buildings of Merton College and Magdalen College tower in the distance.
which is a private garden open only to members of Christ Church, it's normally open during the summer, which is a great place to just come	Rafi standing in the Master's Garden.
and read a book out in the sun, sit with some friends,	Another view of the Master's Garden, with wooden benches around a tree, and large green lawn area.
and also during COVID times a marquee has been put up,	Another view of the Master's Garden, with a large white marquee on the lawn.

so as a temporary bar in the evenings, but also as a site for various sorts of welfare, and other events to happen in a socially distanced manner as well.	Rafi standing in the Master's Garden.
	Looking across over rooftops of various Christ Church buildings, including the tower above the Old Library staircase.
	Rafi walking through the gardens.
	Rafi walking up a staircase and through an old doorway.
	Lamps inside an old walkway.
	Rafi walking through Tom Quad.
Christ Church is also unique	Aerial footage of the tower of Christ Church cathedral.
amongst Oxford's colleges in that it has a cathedral rather than a chapel, with a variety of services operating throughout the year,	Rafi standing in the entrance to Christ Church cathedral, with a Christmas Tree behind him.
open to people of all faiths or none,	Inside the cathedral, with large stone columns to either side, a large round stain glass window and two smaller stain glass windows at the end of the central aisle, a fan vaulted ceiling and gold alter.
and is a great place to just come and find some peace and quiet	Inside the cathedral, with large wood and gold organ between stone columns.
in the middle of a busy Oxford term.	Rafi standing in the entrance to Christ Church cathedral.
	Inside the cathedral, with vaulted ceiling and large stain glass windows.
My favourite thing about being a	Looking over the top of the Great Hall from outside in Tom Quad on a grey day.
student at Christ Church is definitely the people that	Looking across the buildings around Tom Quad.
you meet along the way, from the very friendly custodians that greet you, to the porters that help you out, to the hall staff that help serve you your meals, um, everyone is really friendly and willing to have a chat, and then that's not to mention all the students, from all over the world, studying all sorts of different subjects where you have dinner conversations I don't think I'd ever have anywhere else, and that has been an absolute treasure over the past six years.	Rafi standing in Tom Quad.
	End screen with Christ Church and University of Oxford logos, and links to websites.