



Dear All,

We are writing to you with the latest information about your prospective course and about the measures we are taking to ensure Cambridge is as safe as possible, with your health being our top priority.

Teaching next academic year

In preparation for teaching next academic year, we have reviewed all our courses. Teaching will be delivered by a blend of in-person and online provision, with many lectures being delivered on-line. Where possible teaching by seminars, practicals and supervisions will be delivered in person, and it may be possible for lectures for smaller groups to be given on this basis. In the light of COVID-19 and government guidance, we have made changes to some of our courses to ensure that they deliver the best possible education in the circumstances. These changes are detailed [here](#). If you have questions or concerns about the changes to your course, if there are any, please contact your College.

Staying safe in Cambridge

We will all need to work together as a community next year to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible while making the most of life at Cambridge. We will be launching an ambitious and comprehensive health information programme, because we want everyone to understand what to expect if they start at Cambridge, and how they can help to protect the whole Cambridge community. The University and Colleges are promoting a range of measures designed to do this, including:

- Keeping you up to date on the latest guidance and how it applies to life at Cambridge

- Providing a COVID-19 test to anyone with symptoms
- Supporting new ways of working, learning and socialising
- Continuing to implement robust safety measures when resuming teaching, learning and research in College and University buildings, including enhanced cleaning
- Providing assistance to people who are isolating or who need additional support with COVID-19 related issues

This is how we will ask you to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Keep a safe distance from others
- Wear a [face covering where required](#) to do so or when it would be a courtesy to others
- Clean your hands regularly
- Follow the rules of each building you enter
- Follow the latest guidance on gathering in social groups
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms get a test immediately and self-isolate until you have a result
- If you test positive for COVID-19 you will need to self-isolate and take part in contact tracing as required by Government guidance.

Further Information

If you are successful in meeting the conditions of your offer, over the course of the summer and as you arrive you will receive more information about life in Cambridge and in your College. You can find out more on our [website](#), and from your College. We understand that you may have concerns relating to your own circumstances. If you have concerns about travel arrangements, or about increased susceptibility to infectious diseases, or disabilities impacted by COVID-19, please refer to our [advice on exceptional circumstances](#) and our [support for students with increased susceptibility to infectious diseases or with disabilities](#) pages.

We are delighted to be able to announce that the University is able to offer our new UK/EU undergraduates who were eligible for free school meals or who are care-experienced a non-repayable grant of £1000 to be used towards IT and other essential costs. If you meet the conditions of your offer and your College has confirmed your eligibility (via free school meal eligibility at any time in the last 6 years, or owing to time spent in care), the funds will be paid to your bank account before arrival in Cambridge. Your College will be in touch with further details in due course. If you have not previously disclosed your in-care status (via UCAS) or your eligibility for free school meals (via the Supplementary Application Questionnaire completed at the time of application), please let them know. A number of smaller discretionary grants will also be available for those whose circumstances have changed recently. Please note, this grant is additional to any Cambridge Bursary that you may be eligible for, based on household income. You are automatically considered for a bursary based on declarations to your student loan provider.

We know many of you are awaiting examination results over the coming weeks and we hope you are successful in meeting the conditions of your offer. If you do meet the conditions of your offer, or if you have already done so, then we are all looking forward to welcoming you to Cambridge soon.

With very best wishes,

**Professor Graham Virgo
Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education)**

**Dr Sam Lucy
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