Colleges

At Cambridge, as well as being a member of the University, you’re also a member of a College (see p3). Once you’ve decided on a course you’d like to study, you need to consider College choice.

Community
Colleges are a mix of students, academic Fellows and staff, creating a strong community atmosphere within each College.

Accommodation
The 29 undergraduate Colleges provide accommodation for most students¹ for at least three years.

What’s a College?
Your College is your base for the time you’re at Cambridge. It’s where you live, eat, can do a lot of socialising, receive academic and pastoral support, and where you often (though not always) have your supervisions (see p13).

In your UCAS application, as well as listing Cambridge (Institution code: CAM C05) as one of your options in the ‘Choices’ section, you need to enter a College (campus) code. You can either choose a particular College or, if you don’t have a preference, you can make an ‘open’ application (see opposite) and accept the allocation made by a computer program¹. In both cases, your UCAS application is sent to a College and that College assesses it.

How do I choose a College?
Everyone’s reasons for choosing their College differ. Some Colleges don’t take students in all subjects so check availability for your course first, using the table overleaf. Otherwise, you may want to consider the following points:

- **Your age** – three Colleges are exclusively for students aged 21 or older (mature students, see p36-7) and their facilities are geared accordingly.
- **Your gender** – two Colleges consider applications from female students only.
- **Size** – number of students
- **Appearance and type of accommodation** (eg on-site or College-owned houses)
- **Particular facilities** – eg for certain sports, performing arts etc.
- **Personal instinct** – it just ‘feels right’

This section introduces each College. Once you’ve read the College profiles you may wish to:

1. shortlist around half a dozen
2. look at their websites to get more detailed information
3. get in touch with College admissions offices if you have any questions
4. explore the Colleges on our Virtual Tour (see p152-3) or visit a few Colleges so you can meet current students and see for yourself what it might be like to live and study there.

How NOT to choose a College
- **Applications statistics** – choosing a College that attracts fewer applications or making an open application won’t increase your chance of receiving an offer.
- **Travelling time** – Cambridge is a compact (and fairly flat!) city so wherever you are, it’s easy to travel between your College and your department on foot, by bike or by bus.
- **Age of the College** – your student experience isn’t dependent on the age of a College. They all provide the facilities and support you’d expect and each has its own traditions and history.
- **Specialisms of College Fellows** – the research specialisms of a College’s Fellows won’t dictate what you can study or guarantee you’ll be supervised by them. You’ll attend supervisions at another College if that’s where the relevant supervisor is based.

What’s an open application?
If you don’t mind which College you attend then you don’t have to choose – you could make an open application instead.

- **After the closing date (15 October), a computer program allocates each open applicant to a College.**
- **The aim of the allocation is to even out the distribution of applicants for each course across the Colleges.**
- **Once allocated to a College, your application is treated exactly the same as any other application.**
- **For equally well-qualified applicants, making an open application or indicating a preference College makes no difference to your chance of being made an offer.**

If you’re an applicant with unusual qualifications (eg a non-standard choice of A Levels for your subject), a mobility and/or sensory impairment, or have other considerations that require particular support, then it’s advisable to apply to a specific College having sought advice about your circumstances at an early stage, rather than make an open application. Before you submit an open application, be sure that you’ll be quite happy whatever the outcome: we can’t change it once it’s done. If you decide to make an open application, you should select ‘9’ as the campus code in your UCAS application.

See p4-11 and the website (www.cam.ac.uk/apply) for information about the application process.

It’s the University (not your College) that determines course content and students from all Colleges study together in the University’s academic faculties and departments (see p3).

For equally well-qualified students, indicating a College preference or not (an ‘open’ application, see right) doesn’t affect your chances of being made an offer. Interviewers aren’t told whether you made an open application or selected a preferred College, and in a typical year, around 900 applicants are made an offer through the pool system (see p10) by a different College from the one they originally applied/were allocated to. That’s more than one in five of all offers made.

¹ You can only submit one application to the University in a year, either choosing a preference College or an open application, and once you’ve submitted your UCAS application this choice can’t be changed.

² Accommodation guarantee applies to all single undergraduates without children at all Colleges except St Edmund’s. All single undergraduates without children are usually expected to live in College-owned accommodation where possible.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/choosingacollege
Many Colleges offer accessible rooms for students who need them – please check individual College websites for details and contact the Disability Resource Centre for further advice (see p28).

### Location

Colleges are located across the city, all within walking or cycling distance of the city centre and the academic faculties and departments.

- Lucy Cavendish
- Magdalene
- Murray Edwards
- Newnham
- Pembroke
- Queens’
- Robinson
- St Catharine’s
- St Edmund’s
- St John’s
- Selwyn
- Trinity
- Trinity Hall

**Sport and facilities**

- Squash/tennis
courts
- Sports grounds/ playing fields
- Theatre/ performance space
- Multi-faith space/ Chapel

**Accommodation**

- Standard/minimum contract length (weeks, all years)?
- % en suite rooms
- En suite available (1st year)?
- All accommodation onsite?
- Undergraduate (UG) students admitted each year
- Campus code
- All courses offered?
- Year founded
- Student numbers
- Accessible for
- Tuition fees

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1. See College entry for details
2. Cost and surcharge of en suite bedrooms varies across the undergraduate Colleges. Please check individual College websites for details of each room type.
3. Not all Colleges offer a choice of room type.
4. Based on the minimum standard contract length for the majority of rooms at each College for undergraduate students (all years) staying all three terms in 2020–21.

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College

Courses available
All courses except Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
420 undergraduates
125 admitted each year
206 postgraduates

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All courses except Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
420 undergraduates
125 admitted each year
206 postgraduates

Open days 2021
Please visit www.chu.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

Admissions Tutors
Dr Robert Hunt (arts, humanities, and social sciences)

Mr Richard Partington (all subjects)

Dr Emily Tomlinson (medical and natural sciences)

Admissions email
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Director of Admissions
Dr Emily Tomlinson

Senior Tutor
Dr Robert Hunt

Churchill
College

Courses available
All courses except Land Economy, and Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion

Student numbers
375 undergraduates
140 admitted each year

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Churchill
College

Churchill College encompasses outstanding academic results, a diverse community with a relaxed feel, excellent and affordable on-site accommodation, first-rate facilities (especially for sports and music) and a great location.

In the mid-twentieth century, Churchill was created to confront through technology the challenges facing Britain and the world. Today this vision is more relevant than ever. Students in the arts and humanities as well as in science and technology will become the researchers and policy-makers of the future, urgently responding – dynamically, logically and creatively – to great international questions such as social justice, climate change and global health.

In Churchill’s DNA are merit, widening participation and a forward-looking, outward-reaching, can-do attitude. We are different in lots of positive ways. Setting aside our (frankly comical) number of Nobel Prize-Winners and other research and creative industries around the world.

From John Milton and Charles Darwin to Abioseh Davidson Nicol, Christ’s has long nurtured outstanding scholars, from all kinds of background, giving them the tools to ‘think differently’ and break new ground across the sciences and the arts.

We welcome men and women of all nationalities, and from every walk of life, who are passionate about their subject, committed to academic excellence and keen to explore new ideas in a positive, enabling environment. Our current students come from more than 60 countries, and all regions of Britain, and our active network of alumni includes leaders in politics, business, research and creative industries around the world.

The College’s architecture reflects both the diversity of our intake and the variety of our students’ interests; you may live in medieval splendour, restrained Victorian elegance, or the radical concrete Modernism of New Court. Around half of our student rooms are en suite, and all undergraduates are accommodated within five minutes’ walk of the main College facilities, which include a café/bar, a formal dining hall and less formal self-service canteen, together with a theatre, music practice rooms, and a well-stocked library, open 24 hours a day.

Christ’s is centrally located, with instant access to the shops and cafés of the city centre, but its extensive gardens offer an oasis of calm amidst the hubbub, and conceal a seventeenth-century swimming pool, alongside a modern gym and squash court and (occasionally) the College cat; the tennis courts, badminton courts, playing fields and boathouse are a short cycle-ride away.

Our community is large enough to sustain a range of clubs, teams and societies, and small enough to ensure that it remains close-knit, and the atmosphere is extremely friendly.

“I chose Christ’s because of the size, location and atmosphere. It’s a medium-small College, so I know everyone in my year, in the centre of town, so nothing was ever too far away, and the atmosphere is extremely friendly.”

Shadab

“No other College comes close to Churchill’s spacious, open fields, large courtyards and level of greenery. You’ve always got somewhere quiet, uncrowded and unpretentious to come back to with Churchill.”

Hugh
Clare College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
519 undergraduates
140 admitted each year
297 postgraduates

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates. See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Clare is a thriving community that is home to students from all backgrounds and from all over the world. Diverse and inclusive, the College is recognised for providing a friendly, supportive environment for bright, engaged students and their interests.

Situated in the very heart of Cambridge, the elegant buildings and gardens of Clare extend to both sides of the river, forming part of the famed Cambridge ‘Backs’.

Clare has its own well-stocked library, sportsground, gym and music practice rooms. The University Library is immediately adjacent to the College site, and many faculties and departments are also nearby.

Clare has a large and active teaching Fellowship, providing inspiration and academic guidance for students. The College accepts applications in all subjects and the Fellows have a vast range of teaching and research interests. Staff and students work closely together, and there are student representatives on all major committees.

There is a wide range of College societies, including politics, drama, comedy, and numerous sports clubs. Societies also bring Fellows and students together for lectures and social events. Clare has a very strong musical tradition, with an internationally renowned choir.

The College participates in open days in July and September, and has open days 2021 Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates. See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Corpus Christi College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education, Land Economy and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
290 undergraduates
c95 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates. See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Founded by the townspeople in 1352, Corpus’ central location and beautiful settings are hard to beat. Underpinned by its close-knit and friendly community, Corpus provides a supportive and inclusive environment.

The main site of Corpus is situated in the centre of Cambridge, close to lecture halls, libraries and student facilities. At Corpus the ancient and modern sit side by side. Our Old Court is possibly the oldest surviving court in Cambridge, and has housed students for more than 650 years. In the adjacent Knew Court you will find our modern 24-hour student library, which has extensive holdings and excellent study facilities, as well as our contemporary student café/bar. Our stunning dining hall is located in New Court, as is our Parker Library, which contains a world-famous collection of very beautiful medieval illuminated manuscripts.

As a Corpus undergraduate, you’re guaranteed accommodation for the duration of your course in single-occupancy rooms, on or close to the main College site. Our site at Leckhampton is a 15-minute walk away. Here you will find large playing fields, tennis courts, a gym, a pool and extensive gardens.

Our students come from a wide range of social and educational backgrounds. We value each student’s academic potential and provide the resources for them to flourish in Cambridge – outstanding teaching by our Fellows and academics, fantastic student facilities and first-rate pastoral support. Students combine their academic studies with our lively social and cultural life. We have a thriving music scene, a number of active subject societies, and a unique stand-alone studio theatre, the Corpus Playroom.

You can find useful information about admissions and facilities on our website, take a virtual 360 degree tour of the College and view our Map reference 4 (see p154-5).

“Studying at Clare College is fantastic because you are part of a community of incredibly friendly people – staff and students alike! It is an amazing place to work and live in and I would definitely recommend applying here.”

Rosa

“ When I visited Corpus on the open day, I loved the welcoming atmosphere, beautiful buildings and small size of the College. The central location is perfect; close to lectures, shops and social activities. The college is small enough to really get to know everyone in your year and other years, and quickly feel at home.”

Isobella
Downing College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
425 undergraduates
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Kamran Yunus

Senior Tutor
Dr Guy Williams

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.
See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Downing is an inspiring place to live and study. Visit us on one of our open days to tour the College and meet students and Fellows.

Established in 1800, Downing is both the newest of the 'old' Colleges and the oldest of the 'new'; set in a spacious landscape of lawns, trees and gardens in the heart of Cambridge. We welcome applications from anyone with talent and commitment to join our friendly, academic community.

Home to about 425 undergraduates, 220 graduates and 50 Fellows, all supported by more than 130 staff, Downing is an inclusive and welcoming place. We accept students in all subjects, our highly-respected teaching and research staff are dedicated to helping students realise their full potential. Our Fellows are at the forefront of their respective academic fields.

We guarantee accommodation for three-year undergraduate courses on the main College site; should you extend your course, accommodation may also be available for your fourth year. Housing all undergraduate students on the main College site is unusual in Cambridge and helps build the strong sense of community so characteristic of Downing.

Our exceptional accommodation are all single occupancy rooms with internet connectivity. Around half are en suite and several are adapted for students with physical or sensory impairments.

Our facilities include the well-stocked Maitland Robinson Library (open 24 hours a day), the magnificent Howard Theatre and the Heong Gallery. Downing has a strong musical tradition, with a flourishing Chapel choir and frequent concerts and recitals. Our excellent sporting facilities include a gym, tennis and basketball/netball courts, as well as an off-site sports ground and boathouse by the river. Students also enjoy the lively common rooms and student bar.

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Emmanuel College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Land Economy

Student numbers
470 undergraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Robert Henderson (sciences)
Professor Cathie Rae (sciences)
Dr Philip Howell (arts)
Dr Corinna Russell (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Robert Henderson

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.
See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

At Emmanuel, we are proud of our College and its history, but prouder still of our students’ achievements, academically, personally, and as members of the wider community. We are a friendly College with an informal atmosphere, where students are encouraged to make the most of their talents.

We give our students the space to pursue their own interests and ideas, providing an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive and do their best work regardless of background and beliefs. The College maintains an atmosphere of mutual support by fostering good relationships between our students across year groups and with the teaching Fellows who look after their educational progress.

Our students excel in their academic and social lives, and the College provides the framework for them to do this. We have excellent facilities for sport, computing and music; terrific teachers, a modern library with one of the best reading rooms in Cambridge; and a student-run bar.

Students can live in College accommodation throughout their time at Emmanuel and our rooms are located on the main site or in houses a short distance away. Emmanuel is a lovely place in which to live and work; the spaciousness and beauty of the grounds and buildings, right in the centre of Cambridge, tend to surprise everyone who enters from the busy streets around us. Our gardeners also believe that the outdoor spaces are to be enjoyed, so the two ponds, with their ducks and moorhens, the tennis courts in summer, the swimming pool and the large grass area known as the Paddock, are there for all members of the College to enjoy.

“Emma has been like a second home for me – it has such an incredible community of friendly, passionate students, fellows and staff. It’s known as ‘the friendliest College’ for a reason!”

Colin
Fitzwilliam College

Fact file

Courses available
- All courses

Student numbers
- 463 undergraduates
- c140 admissions each year
- 411 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
- Dr Sara Owen (arts)
- Dr Robert Abayasekara (Sciences)

Senior Tutor
- Dr Paul Chirico

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates. See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Fitzwilliam College combines the best of Cambridge tradition with a friendly, forward-thinking approach, perfectly summed up by our motto: ‘the best of old and new’. We were founded in 1869 with an aim to broaden access to the University, a history that we are proud of and that is reflected in our diverse and talented student body.

Our students enjoy high-quality College accommodation for the duration of their courses, never more than a five minute walk from the main College site.

All students have access to well-equipped kitchens, complete with hobs and ovens, but they always have the option to eat a delicious meal in our spacious and modern hall. Our beautiful gardens are there for all – everyone can walk (or lounge!) on our grass, and an allotment provides fresh vegetables for our chefs. A lovely café provides an informal space where students, staff, and teaching Fellows can meet over coffee and homemade cake.

At the heart of the site is a Regency house, once home to Charles Darwin’s widow and the oldest building on the College site. Right next to this historical building, our library, barely a decade old, is open 24/7 and provides a welcoming place to study, with large windows overlooking the gardens.

Fitzwilliam students are fully engaged with student life, and as a result the College has a strong reputation for music, drama, and sport, and we also host a range of other student-led societies. Our excellent facilities enable our students to throw themselves into their hobbies, and include music practice rooms, an art studio, the University radio studio, a gym and squash courts on site, and playing fields nearby.

Come and see for yourself! Explore Fitzwilliam with our students on an open day, or get in touch to arrange a visit or ask any questions.

"Fitz dispels every myth you’ve heard about Cambridge. It’s a down-to-earth and welcoming College, full of friendly faces. What makes Fitz special is our sense of community: students have so many opportunities to get involved in College life.”

Sophie

Girton College

Fact file

Courses available
- All courses except Education and History of Art

Student numbers
- 500 undergraduates
- c140 admissions each year
- 280 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
- Dr Stuart Davis (arts)
- Dr Julia Riley (sciences)

Senior Tutor
- Dr Sandra Fulton

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates. See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Set in beautiful grounds of more than 50 acres just outside the city centre, Girton College’s setting matches its open and informal atmosphere. Founded on values of equality and diversity, Girton offers every student superb facilities in which to live and learn. Although we are one of the larger Cambridge Colleges, we offer a friendly community where no-one is anonymous. Whatever your subject, you receive top-class tuition, excellent support and an opportunity to exceed your expectations.

There is a wide range of student-run clubs and societies – subject, sporting and social – and some of the best facilities for music in the University.

The College guarantees its students accommodation for all years of their undergraduate degree. The majority of our undergraduates, including all first years, are housed on the historic main College site in a variety of accommodation – ranging from Victorian rooms in the original building, to modern en-suite rooms in Ash Court. An option from the second year is an en-suite room in the newly built Swirles Court (located between the College and city centre).

At Girton, you can experience all that’s great about being at Cambridge. The College has excellent on-site sporting and leisure facilities, including football, rugby and cricket pitches; squash and basketball courts; a new gym and, uniquely, an indoor heated swimming pool. We have a state-of-the-art library, well-equipped computer rooms, and internet connections across all accommodation. We offer students plenty of flexibility for meals: you can use our very popular self-service cafeteria and all-day café or, if you want to cook for yourself, every corridor has a communal kitchen.

We maintain roughly equal numbers of men and women amongst our Fellowship and student body, and the relationship between Fellows, students and staff is friendly, lively and supportive.

“Were I to choose again, I wouldn’t apply anywhere else. There’s a togetherness like at no other College. Always a friendly face and staff are approachable. One of the unrecognised gems of Cambridge Colleges.”

Andrew
### Fact file

**Courses available**

All courses

**Student numbers**

537 undergraduates

160 admitted each year

550 undergraduates

185 admitted each year

500 postgraduates (including 200 PGCE)

**Admissions Tutors**

Dr Penny Barton

Dr Andrew Spencer

**Senior Tutor**

Dr Chris Scott

Dr Paul Elliott (sciences)

Dr Georgie Horrell (arts)

### Open days 2021

Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

See also Cambridge Open Days p132-3.

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Gonville & Caius College

Based in the very centre of Cambridge, Gonville & Caius (though we’re usually known simply as ‘Keys’) is a large, welcoming College whose many strengths include superior accommodation, lots of teaching Fellows, excellent pastoral support and extensive opportunities to participate outside your studies.

With one of the largest BAME student populations in Cambridge, we are an increasingly diverse community with a strong commitment to widening participation. Our size means there’s plenty of room for you to find your own niche within a highly supportive community: we have two on-site College nurses, one of whom specialises in mental health and wellbeing support.

Accommodation at Caius blends the old with the new: in first year, you’ll be housed amongst beautiful gardens in 21st-century en suite accommodation, just a minute’s walk from many faculties and the University Library, music practice rooms and our large sports ground. In later years all live together and have the chance to live in some of Cambridge’s oldest buildings, right in the heart of the city.

We have one of the largest Fellowships in the University, with teaching Fellows in nearly every subject. This means that much of our teaching takes place in College, which is great for settling in and finding your feet. Our Library is widely reckoned to be the most beautiful in Cambridge, and is certainly one of the best stocked.

Our College community is strengthened by our dedicated approach to dining. We encourage students to eat in our dining hall – a great place to meet new people and have an interesting conversation. You’ll pay in dining. We encourage students to eat in our dining hall – a great place to meet new people and have an interesting conversation. You’ll pay in

### Homerton College

Homerton is the newest College, one of the largest and most diverse. We have 250 years of history behind us, but our approach to learning is fresh and purposeful, and committed to supporting students in today’s world.

Our innovative co-curricular programme, Homerton Changemakers, helps our students to plan for their futures as effective agents of positive change. Each new generation of students helps build our community, enhancing what is already one of the most vibrant, open and inclusive places for living and learning in the University.

Homerton is on the south side of Cambridge, with an orchard, lawns and generous green spaces to walk in. Our buildings mix old and new, with a fine Victorian building and a superb new dining hall at the College’s heart. Living in College is overwhelmingly popular and all undergraduates can be accommodated on site throughout their studies. Most of our study bedrooms have en suite bathrooms, and all have wi-fi. As well as comfortable bedrooms we have a large, modern and well-stocked library, an excellent gym, a theatre, music rooms, fitness studio and exceptional sports facilities close to the College. Our students take full advantage of these to work hard and play hard.

Homerton has always been a welcoming place; somewhere to become who you want to be, whatever your interests and wherever you come from. Our students participate fully in the life of the College, taking part in our decision-making through the Students’ Union and enriching the local and wider society with their multitude of interests, skills and enthusiasms. We’re an evolving community, committed to remaining a place where doors are open, where nobody’s too grand to talk to you, and where each student can develop their full potential in supportive and beautiful surroundings.

### “Caus is brilliant at making everyone feel at home and part of the College community quickly. As first years all live together and there’s an emphasis on eating with friends in hall, I felt like I fitted into the College and adjusted to university life really easily.”

Dan

### “Being at Homerton basically feels like being a member of one huge, supportive family – Hom is where the heart is!”

Charlotte
Hughes Hall

Courses available
All courses except Architecture, Medicine (other than the Graduate Course) and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
For students aged 21 and over (mature students)
150 undergraduates
600 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Corinne Roughley (arts and humanities)
Dr Carol Sargent (law, sciences and graduate medicine)

Senior Tutor
Dr Philip Johnston

Fact file

Hughes Hall is a different type of Cambridge College. We are a friendly and supportive academic community, with around 150 mature or affiliated undergraduates and up to 600 postgraduates. Two-thirds of our students come from outside the UK. We understand the challenges that face mature and affiliated undergraduates, including international students, and have a welfare and tutorial team experienced in providing appropriate support and advice. We value our egalitarian and inclusive culture which allows individuals from all backgrounds to flourish.

Cambridge has much to offer in the form of both College and University culture which allows individuals from all backgrounds to flourish.

Cambridge has many tourist routes but only five minutes’ walk from the city centre. The College grounds are spacious and tranquil, away from the main College buildings or in College-owned houses just across the road, so all Jesus students live only a stone’s throw from the Porters’ Lodge. The mix of rooms enables individual needs and preferences to be catered for. The College grounds are spacious and tranquil, away from the main tourist routes but only five minutes’ walk from the city centre.

Our students say the best things about Jesus College are the mix of people and relaxed atmosphere, the great accommodation, and the location in the heart of Cambridge.

The best things about Jesus students are their diversity, their strong sense of community and their capacity for hard work.

We admit undergraduates across all subjects studied at the University, with roughly equal numbers in arts and sciences. We welcome applicants from all types of school and background – everyone is considered for admission as an individual on their own academic merit.

All our undergraduates are offered accommodation either in the main College buildings or in College-owned houses just across the road, so all Jesus students live only a stone’s throw from the Porters’ Lodge. The mix of rooms enables individual needs and preferences to be catered for.

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Our students are encouraged to excel in all walks of life, and this leads to a good mix of academic excellence with music, sports and the arts. We’re particularly proud of our award-winning library which provides a superb working environment, our commitment to music of all sorts (ranging from two Chapel choirs to dedicated spaces for practice and performance), and our strong support for the visual arts, including our annual student-run arts festival. There are plenty of opportunities to relax and unwind, with hugely popular facilities including a new bar, café and recently refurbished common room.

Unusually for a Cambridge College, our playing fields are on the main site. You’re very welcome to look around the College for yourself – take the virtual tour or attend one of our open days.

“Because Hughes Hall is mature and international, everyone brings such diverse backgrounds and experiences to the student body. That’s exactly why it feels so inviting – everyone knows what it’s like to be new or out of place, so everyone works to make sure you’re part of the College community.”

Cris

Amy

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“My favourite thing about Jesus College is the supportive atmosphere among students, teachers, and staff. Everyone makes time to have fun and support one another, while also working hard.”

Amy
King’s College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education, Land Economy, and Veterinary Medicine

Admissions Tutors
Professor Bill Burgwinkle
Dr Zoe Adams (Assistant)

Senior Tutor
Dr Tim Hack

Open days 2021
Please visit www.kings.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

Student numbers
440 undergraduates
135 admitted each year
280 postgraduates

Lucy Cavendish College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Admissions Tutor
Dr Mark King

Senior Tutor
Dr Jane Greaves

Open days 2021
Please visit www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

Student numbers
310 undergraduates
c130 admitted each year¹
310 postgraduates

King’s has a long history of intellectual, artistic and social innovation. We were among the first of the historically male Colleges to admit women, and we have played a leading role in attracting ethnic minorities and state-educated students to Cambridge. King’s is a vibrant, diverse and tolerant community which actively encourages applications from all UK schools and colleges, continental Europe and overseas.

The College has a high ratio of teaching fellows to undergraduates, and relations between members of the College are informal. Our academic standards are high and we take intellectual life seriously. King’s makes every effort to support students in their academic work and University lives, providing an excellent library, welcoming work spaces, and a committed tutorial team.

King’s stands in the centre of Cambridge, with its splendid grounds and buildings stretching to the River Cam and beyond. There’s a wide choice of accommodation, both en suite and with shared facilities. Meals are offered in the grand College Hall but you can always eat in the adjoining bar if you prefer something less formal. The bar – used for meetings, musical performances, and open mic nights – is the heart of the College social life and the adjoining coffee shop provides a convenient study space. We offer sports facilities, punts and kayaks, music practice rooms, a dark room, clubs and societies, student-run club nights and an Art Centre which runs classes for all members. Our students are represented on College committees and fully engaged in the College’s rich intellectual and social life.

King’s is justly renowned for its music and Chapel. In addition to our celebrated male-voice choir, there’s also King’s Voices (a mixed choir), a student orchestra and a musical society. At King’s, it’s your academic potential that matters most and all students, regardless of background, can prosper here.

Lucy Cavendish College’s purpose has always been to provide opportunities for underrepresented groups to study at Cambridge. Previously a College for mature-age women, we now welcome applications from all suitably qualified students and our admissions policy means we aim to admit a majority of our students from underrepresented or disadvantaged backgrounds. The College houses a vibrant international community, with a mission to address scientific, social and technological global challenges. We particularly welcome applications from those who share our values and our entrepreneurial spirit.

Lucy Cavendish provides a high level of support during your transition to university and throughout your degree. We have an experienced tutorial team and enrol all students on a comprehensive Bridging Programme before your first term to ensure you are ready to make the most of your time here. A full programme of academic study skills, enterprise and career development throughout your degree then helps you to maximise your potential and ambitions.

Our modern, informal campus is a short stroll from the centre of Cambridge, within easy reach of all University departments and facilities. On the College site, there is a gym, bar/cafe and common room, music practice facilities and dining hall. The library is open 24/7 and our accommodation offers fully-equipped kitchens. There are numerous opportunities to pursue your own interests, including a lively sporting scene and many clubs, societies and teams.

For academically outstanding students seeking an unrivalled education and a community that reflects modern society, Lucy Cavendish offers a unique environment that all can truly call home at the heart of the historic University.

¹ Projected undergraduate student intake from 2021 following change in College admissions policy. Please see text and the College website for more details.
Magdalene College

**Fact File**

**Courses available**
All courses

**Student numbers**
360 undergraduates
105 admitted each year
213 postgraduates

**Admissions Tutors**
Dr Sergio Bacallado (access)
Dr Stuart Martin (post-offer)
Dr John Munns (post-application)

**Senior Tutor**
Dr Stuart Martin

Magdalene College encourages applicants from all backgrounds and in all subjects. We are interested in your ideas, your intellectual progress and your contributions to our communal life, and will endeavour to provide an environment that can let you develop in the best way for you.

With an intake of around 105 new undergraduates each year it is possible to get to know all your fellow students! Alongside guaranteed accommodation on the main College site for all undergraduates throughout their studies, we provide a supportive network of students in higher years, Directors of Studies, Tutors, and professional support staff. A very warm welcome in your first week will make sure that you can settle in quickly, make new people and feel at home.

Magdalene College has the advantage of an attractive and convenient location on the banks of the River Cam, with the longest waterfront of all the Cambridge Colleges, and less than five minutes’ walk from the city centre. Our buildings range from formal Tudor architecture in First Court, the elegant Pepys Library in the Second Court through to the Magdalene Village (a unique mix of medieval study bedrooms and modern sets) and Cripps Court with its handsome garden and en suite rooms.

Magdalene is building a new library (scheduled to open in 2020-21) with 130 work spaces, seminar rooms, a social area and an art gallery. This will further complement our ideal environment for living and studying. Visit our website to find out more.

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**Murray Edwards College**

**Fact File**

**Courses available**
All courses except Education and Philosophy

**Student numbers**
387 undergraduates
105 admitted each year
182 postgraduates

**Admissions Tutor**
Dr Susan Haines

**Senior Tutor**
Dr Michele Gemelos

Murray Edwards College provides academic excellence within a warm and welcoming community. At its heart lies a proactive commitment to improving the opportunities open to women within education and their professional lives.

As a student at Murray Edwards, you get the best of both worlds – working in a world class co-educational University and in a College with a special focus on women’s learning.

Through our Gateway Programme we help you transition to studying in Cambridge, and help build the confidence and skills necessary to succeed. We then support you into the world of work through networking with our diverse body of former students who want to help women get ahead in the workplace.

We have a strong fellowship of both women and men who are dedicated to teaching women and both encourage and challenge you. They provide new ways of thinking about and speaking with the world and allow you to develop those areas of your subject that most interest you as well as helping you to achieve highly. We aid you to drive change in Cambridge and beyond, and we encourage our students to engage fully in all aspects of Cambridge life. Cambridge comes to Murray Edwards too through the events run by the College and by our students.

Our buildings and grounds are light and airy, inspiring not intimidating, and we are able to house all undergraduates on site or very close by, with many en suite rooms. This helps to strengthen the powerful sense of community, which you notice the moment you step inside. Our food, served in the iconic domed Hall, is reckoned among the best in Cambridge and you quickly come to feel that ‘Dome is Home’.

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“I have met the most amazing people and made the best memories. There’s always so much on whether you’re into art, music, theatre, sport, or of a particular religion; there is genuinely something for everyone here.”

Brenwyn

“Murray Edwards is a safe space for everyone; staff are always around to make students feel supported academically and personally. The Gateway Programme is a perfect example of this, helping us fund personal ambitions whilst honing our academic skills.”

Neve
Newnham College

Courses available
All courses except Economics and Education

Student numbers
For female students only
180 undergraduates
135 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Sam Lucy
Dr Robyn Owens

Senior Tutor
Professor Liba Taub

Open days 2021
Please visit www.newn.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

Fact file

150 years ago, a group of radicals – philosophers, campaigners, scientists, writers – came together to create a Cambridge College unlike any other. Newnham proudly remains radical, friendly, supportive and challenging, and equality is at our heart.

Our founders wanted a College that would be beautiful and sociable, with warm brick buildings looking out to huge gardens where students picnic, work and relax. From historic rooms with balconies to stylish modern en suite rooms, all Newnham undergraduates live on site, close to their friends.

Newnham is a College for women, led by women. It’s a place where you’ll see women hold the most senior roles, where you’ll have the support to live life to your full potential. Your teaching and social life will be with women and men from across the University, and you’ll come home to a College that supports women 100 per cent.

We have a nurse and counsellor on site, strong student-led diversity groups, and supportive tutors. Your personal tutor can help you to apply for additional financial support through our generous bursary, research, opportunity and travel funds. We run careers events and personal development programmes.

Our gorgeous library was built in 1897, when pioneering women students couldn’t use the University libraries. Old Labs, the original women’s laboratories, are now a performance and music practice space.

Newnham is next to the main arts and humanities site, with the science laboratories five minutes’ cycle away. Our sports fields, tennis, gym and netball courts are all on site.

Students enjoy well-equipped kitchens for cooking with friends, the Buttery for relaxed meals, or dining in style in Hall. And there’s always coffee and cake at our famous café-bar.

Pembroke College

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
410 undergraduates
295 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Caroline Burt

Senior Tutor
Dr Dan Tucker

Open days 2021
Please visit www.pem.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

At the heart of Cambridge, Pembroke is a stone’s throw from many departments and everything that the city has to offer. Here you’ll find a warm and diverse community, with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere that comes from those who study, work and teach here. We welcome students from all backgrounds, and particularly encourage those from backgrounds or schools who might not usually consider Cambridge to think about applying to us.

Our food has a great reputation across the University, with our dining hall offering lots of choice and flexibility. We also have a café which serves food and drink throughout the day and becomes the College bar in the evening.

Besides the College bar, we have a library, computer room, gym, music practice rooms, sports fields and more, as well as loads of clubs and societies. Our students therefore have lots of opportunities to explore their wider interests, however seriously (or otherwise!) they want to take them. We also have a whole range of student support services on hand, such as our College Nurse and tutorial team, to ensure that our students are able to thrive whilst they are with us.

Pembroke students live on the main site or in nearby College-owned houses throughout their undergraduate studies, and accommodation ranges in age, size and price – but is all of a high standard. Whilst we don’t have en-suites, our students all have individual bedrooms, and most rooms have their own sink. All first years are housed on our main College site, making it really easy to make new friends when you first arrive.

Our students are united by a deep interest in their subject, which contributes to our reputation for academic excellence. We also respect one another’s right to be different, and do all that we can to give Pembroke students the support they deserve. If you think you sound like a College that would suit you, then please do get in touch to find out more!

Fact file

“Newnham is the most welcoming place you could want for starting university. I have felt supported by my College pastorally, and pushed academically to achieve my full potential. Most importantly, it’s a very friendly College and a fun community to be a part of!”

Charlotte

“Pembroke is the warmest community of people which I’m very proud to be a part of. The College has given me many opportunities which I am so, so grateful for.”

Sarah
Peterhouse

Just five minutes’ walk from the city centre, Peterhouse is an exciting and friendly place to live. It’s perfectly situated for student life – close to the arts, engineering and science faculties, but just off the tourist trail.

Peterhouse’s small size promotes plenty of individual attention for students. The College is a supportive community where students quickly make friends and feel at home. Both lively and inclusive, Peterhouse welcomes students with wide-ranging backgrounds, interests and opinions. The only things all our students have in common are high academic ability, dedication to their subject and a willingness to work hard.

We provide a range of excellent accommodation (including en suite rooms) in central Cambridge (on or adjacent to the main site) for all undergraduates for the duration of their course. We offer great food eaten in the oldest Hall in Cambridge, and there’s the option of a candlelit dinner every night during term. Peterhouse has excellent facilities for the arts. There are squash courts, a gym and punt hire within College, and the sports ground and boathouse are nearby.

We want our students to pursue their academic interests and achieve their full potential. Peterhouse has been in the heart of Cambridge for more than five centuries, and today it supports a thriving academic community of undergraduates, graduates and academics.

Peterhouse's small size promotes plenty of individual attention for students. The College is a supportive community where students quickly make friends and feel at home. Both lively and inclusive, Peterhouse welcomes students with wide-ranging backgrounds, interests and opinions. The only things all our students have in common are high academic ability, dedication to their subject and a willingness to work hard.

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Peterhouse is a close-knit College. It’s a space in which all students feel a sense of belonging, which makes settling in easy. The academic environment is just as supportive, allowing everyone to seek help when they need it.”

Katie

Queens’ College

Queens’ is a large, centrally located College. It is characterised by openness and informality, making it modern, welcoming and comfortable.

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Queens’ undergraduates are guaranteed accommodation for three years. We offer a full catering service but each landing has a kitchenette for those who want to self-cater. All rooms enjoy internet access and wi-fi is available throughout. Queens’ provides superb facilities for the arts. There are squash courts, a gym and punt hire within College, and the sports ground and boathouse are nearby.

The sole condition for admission to Queens’ is academic potential. We welcome applicants from schools with no prior history of application to Cambridge. We will work hard to ensure that no applicant is prevented from studying here because of a disability, or social or financial disadvantage. We take particular care in selecting students. Applicants are interviewed sympathetically as we want you to show us your strengths.

Achieving a place at Queens’ brings responsibilities. There is a firm expectation at Queens’ that every student will work hard to fulfil their academic potential and maintain our reputation for academic excellence. We have a detailed programme of support to help first-year students make the transition from school to university.

You are welcome to contact the Admissions Office directly, to look on the website or attend an open day to find out more.

“Queens’ has a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. It’s small enough to have community spirit but big enough you can meet new people. The library is amazing but on the flip side you can relax in Q Bar and play pool!”

Amber
Founded in 1977, Robinson is one of the most modern and ambitious Cambridge Colleges. Famed for its strong sense of community and relaxed atmosphere, there’s nowhere better to pursue your studies and interests.

Robinson is perfectly located for life in Cambridge – directly opposite the University Library and extremely close to the arts and sciences departments. A short walk or bike ride takes you directly into the city centre. The magnificent College gardens are much loved by students and academics alike.

At Robinson, the student body is truly diverse, coming from all backgrounds and from all over the world. They have the very best academic and pastoral support, allowing them to achieve at the highest levels.

There are students on most Cambridge courses, and a community of scholars with varied academic interests who are keen to help students with their work.

Robinson accommodation is outstanding and all undergraduates live within the College grounds throughout their original course. Around half of students in residence and the remaining generally has one or two bathrooms between two or three individuals (no bedrooms are shared). Facilities are exceptional, no matter what your interests, there are opportunities to pursue them here. Our library is accessible 24 hours and boasts a comprehensive collection of books. Robinson also has some of the best College food in Cambridge, whether in the cafeteria-style Garden Restaurant or the optional twice-weekly formal dinners in the Hall.

A copy of the College prospectus and a video about College life can be found on our website. We participate in virtual events throughout the year, and usually welcome individuals and school groups to the College for our open events. If you have any questions or wish to arrange a visit, please contact Francesca Amabile in the College Admissions Office.

Robinson College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except History of Art

Student numbers
386 undergraduates
132 admitted each year
172 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Scott Annett
Dr Holly Hedgeland

Senior Tutor
Dr David Woodman

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

St Catharine's College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Architecture, Education, History of Art and Linguistics

Student numbers
440 undergraduates
115 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr David Bainbridge (sciences)
Dr Ivan Scales (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Holly Canuto

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

St Catharine's is a welcoming, medium-size College, situated right in the centre of town. A lively and diverse community, we have earned a reputation for friendliness and academic success.

Founded in 1473, St Catharine's is an extremely supportive College, with a strong community spirit between students and staff. We've gathered a dedicated and approachable team of teaching staff, committed to helping our students realise their academic potential, and excellent pastoral support staff.

Our admissions decisions are based solely on applicants’ academic ability – proven and potential – and we strongly encourage applications from the widest possible range of students, regardless of educational background. We interview most applicants, and do everything we can to make the admissions process as positive as possible.

All students are accommodated throughout their three- or four-year undergraduate course – first- and final-year students live on the main site and those in their middle years live in attractive flats on Grange Road, close to the heart of the University.

The College offers excellent facilities for study and recreation. Our two libraries are among the best in Cambridge, there are well-maintained computing facilities, and all student rooms have high-speed internet access. The College has a small auditorium as well as a larger venue and a new student bar. Our sports facilities include extensive playing fields; squash, badminton and tennis courts; a gym; an all-weather AstroTurf hockey pitch; and an extensively refurbished boathouse. Our active choir records and tours regularly. We were also proud to be the first College to be awarded Fairtrade status.

Our Admissions Office is happy to receive enquiries and to arrange visits to the College. Further information can be found on our website.
St Edmund’s has an international and multidisciplinary flavour. Half of our student body are from overseas, with almost 80 countries represented. Most of our students are postgraduates, but our student community also includes 124 mature undergraduates (aged 21 or over), including some students studying for a second undergraduate degree.

The College sits in six acres of parkland and is conveniently located for the arts faculties, the West Cambridge Site, the Veterinary School, the University Library and the city centre. The College site has 335 single student rooms with nearly two thirds of these en suite. Our dining hall offers up to three meals a day as well as formal meals at least once a week during term time. Students are also welcome to cook their own meals in our well-appointed kitchens.

Our library building includes a large reception/lecture room, teaching rooms, a gym and a music practice room. We also have our own coffee shop, Edpresso, and two large common rooms with free tea, coffee and homemade cookies provided twice a day.

The students, staff and Fellows of St Edmund’s form a single community with the student body led by a lively executive committee that runs the College bar, student societies and a host of social events.

The numerous College clubs and societies include the choir and those for Law, sports and music. Many College members participate in their field at University and national level.

The Chapel reflects the Catholic heritage of the College and is open to other Christian bodies. It’s also open to all members of the College as a place of quiet prayer and contemplation. The Von Hügel Institute for Critical Catholic Inquiry also enriches the life of the College.

St John’s is a spectacularly beautiful College located on the River Cam at the heart of the city centre. Founded by Lady Margaret Beaufort in 1511, St John’s combines 500 years of history with pioneering research and award-winning teaching. We are one of the largest Colleges and welcome around 170 new undergraduate students every year from a variety of backgrounds. Our diverse student body means that no matter where you come from, you will find like-minded people here who you can develop new ideas and forge lifelong friendships with.

All of our students are guaranteed accommodation throughout their time in Cambridge, which helps build the strong sense of community St John’s is so famous for. You will rarely be able to cross our ancient courts to go from your room to the dining hall, the free onsite laundry, gym or bar without running into someone you know. We have more than 40 student-run societies and sports teams, so there is always something going on.

Terms here are challenging and exhilarating but that is because Cambridge offers one of the most transformative learning experiences in the world. At St John’s you will live and work alongside leading academics who are undertaking globally significant research in their field. However small your subject, there is someone here working in your discipline who will encourage and support you – pastoral support is at the heart of our teaching.

Whatever your circumstances, if you think you have got what it takes to become part of St John’s, then we want to hear from you.

"St Edmund’s is a tight-knit community: our intimate College cultivates academic rigour, promotes wellbeing and forges life-long friendships."

Matthew

"John’s stood out to me because it has a really strong community – walking around everyone is always friendly and approachable. It still feels crazy to me that I’m basically living in a castle but at the end of the day it is just student accommodation and John’s manages to be both beautiful and homely."

Ollie
Selwyn College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
400 undergraduates
250 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Daniel Beauregard
Dr Stuart Eves
Mr Steve Watts

Senior Tutor
Dr Mike Sewell

Open days 2021
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-open-days for 2021 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates. See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Selwyn combines academic excellence with a strong, diverse community and provides an environment in which students can excel, achieve their potential and enjoy student life to the full. Studying at Selwyn is fascinating and fulfilling.

Selwyn is a medium-size College located a short walk from the city centre. Our spacious site is set in beautiful gardens that create a calm and relaxing environment. We guarantee undergraduates accommodation for the three or four years of their course (65 per cent of rooms are en suite). All are housed on a single site, enabling our students to enjoy learning while sharing in the richness of a full and varied communal life.

The College has produced leaders in many fields and is at the heart of Cambridge’s academic facilities. The University Library and Sidgwick Site, home to many arts and humanities faculties, are adjacent to our gardens; and we’re located between the central and West Cambridge sites where most science departments are found.

We welcome applicants from all social and educational backgrounds and are committed to fairness in all our processes. Academic excellence, strong subject commitment and the potential to do well on the intended course are the criteria for admission.

If you relish the prospect of studying in an intellectually challenging environment, and are willing to put in the time and effort needed to be successful in your studies, we believe you’ll feel at home at Selwyn.

To find out more please see our website or contact us. You can also visit us on an open day, on a school visit, or by making an individual appointment.

“Selwyn provides good accommodation, has lovely gardens and is conveniently located near to the University Library and many Faculty buildings. Selwyn’s supportive community has helped me to achieve highly.”

Gillian

Sidney Sussex College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education

Student numbers
350 undergraduates
275 postgraduates

Admissions Director
Dr Catherine Sumnall

Senior Tutor
Mr Massimo Beber

Open days 2021
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Sidney is a small (around 100 freshers), strong, vibrant community. Proud of our long history (founded in 1596 – the youngest of the “old” Cambridge Colleges), we are modern and inclusive in outlook.

Most undergraduates live on site, or a short walk away, right in the heart of the city. Accommodation is guaranteed for up to four years; rooms vary from sharing a College house with friends, to study-and-bedroom set combinations in the older parts of Sidney. First year students are randomly allocated a room, and get to know other students easily and settle into Sidney life.

Our cafeteria is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with Formal Hall occurring three times a week in the beautiful main Dining Hall. From 2021, a second dining hall provides a relaxed atmosphere and more flexible serving hours. The student-run bar is at the heart of many of the College’s student-run events.

The library is accessible 24 hours a day, and our library team is helpful and ever enthusiastic. Sidney has a dedicated pastoral team, including a nurse, a study skills co-ordinator, and a student welfare specialist. We are proud of the atmosphere of inclusion and encouragement we foster: we want our students to excel academically, and to be happy while doing so.

The Sidney Sussex College Students’ Union work hard to make sure students feel at home. They organise a lively and varied set of activities for new students, and there is plenty going on throughout the year. They take an active part in the running and development of College too.

“Sidney became a place I called home fairly quickly. The friendly community and small size made it easy to make friends and despite being in the very centre of town, it somehow has a chilled out and relaxed atmosphere.”

Tom
Trinity provides a large and diverse community in which to live, work and play. We offer high-quality accommodation, a central location on the river, excellent meals in Hall and extensive sports facilities.

Trinity has a long tradition of academic excellence. We welcome all those who have the ability and determination to succeed, whatever their background. Tutors, Directors of Studies and supervisors work closely with our students to engage them in the wide range of educational and research opportunities that the College and the University opens up to them.

The setting of the College serves to inspire. There is some magnificent architecture at the heart of Trinity – Great Court, the Chapel, the Hall, Neville’s Court, the Wren Library – but there are also fine modern buildings, including an attractive development at Burrell’s Field, a short walk away through the beautiful College gardens.

There is a lively Students’ Union that organises a wide variety of social and curricular activities. All undergraduates have access to a free gym, squash courts, tennis courts, playing fields, a boathouse and a music room with a grand piano, electric keyboards, amps and drum kit.

As this suggests, Trinity Hall is far more than just a collection of beautiful buildings. It is a dynamic and diverse community of people from all over the world. We encourage applications from motivated students from all social and educational backgrounds and especially those who come from schools or colleges with little or no tradition of applying to Cambridge. Every undergraduate at Trinity Hall has a room in College for the duration of their course. Some of the rooms are in evocative historical buildings, while others are in impressive modern accommodation blocks with excellent en suite facilities and large communal kitchens. This refreshing mixture of the old and the new means that all our students can live comfortably while they study with us.

Although our students maintain a long tradition of academic excellence, they also contribute to College and university life through their extra-curricular activities. All undergraduates have access to a free gym, squash courts, tennis courts, playing fields, a boathouse and a music room with a grand piano, electric keyboards, amps and drum kit.

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To find out more about the College, please visit our website or attend one of our open days. Our Admissions Team are always happy to answer any queries you might have.

Trinity is the sense of community that the College fosters. You become an integral part of Trinity’s tradition and innovation, an important recipient of and contributor to the opportunities that are offered, and an active participant in determining the College’s legacy.”

Elizabeth

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Elizabeth

Trinity Hall is a small, friendly, informal College that helps its students grow and develop both intellectually and personally. Located a short walk away from most lecture halls, laboratories, libraries, clubs, pubs, and shops, it is ideally situated for student life in Cambridge. The College library and the picturesque gardens overlook the river, providing a relaxed environment in which to work and unwind. The novelist Henry James called it ‘the prettiest corner in the world’. The Aula Bar and Coffee Shop offer a cosy setting in which to grab a drink and catch up with friends.

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“Izzy

“Trinity Hall is the loveliest sanctuary in the busy city and from busy life at the University. I can’t imagine a better place to call home.”
Useful information

Now that you’ve had the opportunity to read about our courses and the Cambridge Colleges, there’s some more information that you might find useful. In this section of the Prospectus, you’ll find more details about entrance requirements, opportunities to hear from staff and students about life at the University, and some other essentials such as contact details and a map of the city.

Wolfson is a lovely, modern College that combines many Cambridge traditions with a friendly and open atmosphere. Our diverse community includes students from more than 80 different nationalities, of many different ages and origins, and from all walks of life. As a mature College, Wolfson only accepts applications from students aged 21 and over. Half of our undergraduates are aged between 21 and 23, but we welcome students of all ages.

Wolfson is home to around 150 undergraduates and we offer on-site accommodation for the duration of your course. There are a variety of rooms available, including singles, en suites, shared houses and family flats. All blocks have access to self-catering kitchen facilities and rental fees are inclusive of utilities and cleaning services.

The College has a variety of study and social spaces shared by all College members. Our students’ association (WCSA) hosts a range of social and academic events for undergraduates and postgraduates alike, including yoga and dance classes, comedy shows, sports activities, weekly seminars, and our annual Wolfson Research Event. These events foster a strong sense of community and ensure Wolfson students are stimulated culturally, socially and intellectually throughout their time here.

Our dining hall serves three meals a day with formal halls held twice a week during term time. The Lee Library is open 24/7 and hosts a wide range of skills workshops. We also have beautiful award-winning gardens, a tennis court and a gym with a weights room.

The College is located just beyond the bustle of the city centre, a short walk from the Sidgwick Site (for Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences faculties) and a ten-minute cycle from the city centre and West Cambridge Site.

“I thought Cambridge would be too traditional and stuck in the past for me, but then I found Wolfson and I just thought, ‘this is the perfect place!’”

Marlie