How do I choose a College?

Everyone’s reasons for choosing their College differ. Some Colleges don’t take students in all subjects (listed in the course and College fact files) so check availability for your course first. Otherwise, you may want to consider the following points (see also p120):

- **Your age** – four Colleges are exclusively for students aged 21 or older (mature students, see p36-7) and their facilities are geared accordingly
- **Your gender** – three 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. visit a few Colleges so you can meet current students and see for yourself what it might be like to live and study there

### Accommodation

The 29 undergraduate Colleges provide accommodation for most students² for at least three years.

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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.
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.

Further information

www.cam.ac.uk/choosingacollege

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 (e.g. a non-standard choice of A Levels for your subject), a mobility and/or sensory impairment, or have other considerations that require particular guidance/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 p6-11 and the website (www.cam.ac.uk/apply) for information about the application process.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
420 undergraduates
125 admitted each year
200 postgraduates

Director of Admissions
Dr Emily Tomlinson
Senior Tutor
Dr Robert Hunt

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking.
All subjects
13 September
Mathematics: 27 April

Further information

Map reference 1 (see p158-9)
01223 763983
admissions@christs.cam.ac.uk
www.christs.cam.ac.uk

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
Churchill College

Churchill’s motto is ‘Forward’. We look to the future, not the past. Regularly ranked among the top Cambridge colleges in terms of examination results, and with many Nobel Prize winners to our name, we have an exceptional academic reputation. Our community is also renowned for its openness and diversity: people come here from every background, and from all over the UK and the world.

With one of the largest College campuses in Cambridge, we are able to accommodate all of our undergraduates on site throughout their degree. Our student rooms are large, comfortable and warm – more than 40 per cent are en suite, and all have free Wi-Fi. Rents range to facilitate student choice and are set bearing in mind our key objective of affordability. Provision for students with disabilities is excellent.

Churchill’s student facilities are fantastic. They include a comprehensive 24/7 library, a dining hall, an all-day coffee shop/bar, a 300-seat theatre/cinema, library, an all-day coffee shop/bar, a 300-seat theatre/cinema, a music recital room, an art studio, on-site sports pitches, courts, and gym, and a boathouse on the river. Churchill is located adjacent to Cambridge city centre and the University’s thriving West Cambridge Site.

Churchill’s founders placed great emphasis on the study of science and technology, but they also recognised the advantages of a diverse academic community. Whilst we retain a focus on science subjects, students in the arts and humanities are as numerous here as they are in many other Cambridge colleges.

When looking at undergraduate admissions we strongly prioritise academic results while actively encouraging applicants from a wide range of backgrounds. If you are among the brightest, hardest-working, and highest-achieving students in your school or college, you are likely to be a serious applicant. We urge you to consider joining us.

Clare College

Clare is a thriving community that is home to students from all backgrounds and from all over the world. Diverse and inclusive, it’s known for its friendly and supportive environment; its bright, engaged students; and its vibrant College life.

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’.

Accommodation is provided for all undergraduates throughout their time at the College. 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. In addition, the College bar is a favourite venue for live music.

The College has open days in July, and welcomes school visits. Please see the Clare website or contact the Admissions Office for more information.

Fact file

Churchill

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

Student numbers
487 undergraduates
138 admitted each year
310 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Jonathan Fadley (all subjects)
Mr Richard Partington (arts and humanities)
Dr Paul Russell (mathematical sciences)

Senior Tutor
Mr Richard Partington

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 27th September
Arts 9 April
Sciences 8 April
Mathematics 4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 2 (see p158-9)
01223 336202
admissions@chu.cam.ac.uk
www.chu.cam.ac.uk

Fact file

Clare

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
519 undergraduates
297 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Tim Chester (arts)
Professor Howard Griffiths (sciences)

Senior Tutor
Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 4 July, 5 July
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 3 (see p158-9)
01223 333246/7
admissions@clare.cam.ac.uk
www.clare.cam.ac.uk

From the moment you walk in it feels open and friendly. You just feel really comfortable here. I mean, this is home.
— Cat

Clare has given me simply the best university life I could have hoped for, both academically and socially. What a wonderful College to be part of for three years!
— Jeff
Corpus Christi College

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 in which all students can flourish.

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 Kwee Court you 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 famous collection of ancient manuscripts.

As a Corpus undergraduate, you’re guaranteed accommodation for the duration of your course in single-occupancy rooms, in or close to the main College site. Our graduate site at Leckhampton is a 15-minute walk away and is regularly used by our undergraduates. Here you find large playing fields, tennis courts, a gym, pool and extensive gardens. Our facilities include the well-stocked Maitland Robinson Library, the magnificent Howard Theatre and the purpose-built Heong Gallery. Our excellent sporting facilities include a gym, tennis courts, and their expertise informs their teaching.

Our students come from a wide range of social and educational backgrounds and we value each student’s academic potential while providing the resources to flourish in Cambridge – outstanding teaching and frequent concerts and recitals. Our Fellows are at the forefront of their academic fields, and their expertise informs their teaching.

Corpus, being one of the smaller Colleges, gives students from many different backgrounds the chance to come together into a very welcoming community. Its strengths include an ideal location, stunning architecture, private sports and leisure facilities, and lots of interesting history.

Downing College

Founded in 1800, Downing is both the newest of the old ‘Colleges’ and the oldest of the ‘new’. 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 150 staff; Downing is a diverse and welcoming place. Our beautiful Neo-Classical buildings are set in a spacious landscape of lawns, trees and gardens in the heart of Cambridge, close to University faculties and departments.

Downing accepts students in all subjects, and our highly-respected teaching and research staff are dedicated to helping students realise their full potential. Our Fellows are at the forefront of their academic fields, and their expertise informs their teaching.

Downing is able to house all undergraduate and graduate students on the main College site. This is unusual in Cambridge and helps build the strong sense of community so characteristic of Downing. The accommodation is exceptional, and all rooms are single occupancy with internet connectivity. More than half are en suite and several are adapted for students with physical or sensory impairments.

Our facilities include the well-stocked Maitland Robinson Library, the magnificent Howard Theatre and the purpose-built 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.

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.

Fact file

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

Student numbers
280 undergraduates
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Michael Sutherland
Senior Tutor
Dr Marina Finacchi Spada

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects
13 April, 27 September
Mathematics
27 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 4 (see p158-9)
01223 338156
admissions@corpus.cam.ac.uk
www.corpus.cam.ac.uk

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
425 undergraduates
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Marcus Tomalin
Dr Kamran Yunus
Senior Tutor
Dr Guy Williams

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects
4 May, 6 September
Mathematics
4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 5 (see p158-9)
01223 334826
admissions@dow.cam.ac.uk
www.dow.cam.ac.uk

Wide open spaces, beautiful buildings, great accommodation, fantastic facilities, a lively and friendly student body, and a world class education – what more could you ask for? Dan
Emmanuel College

The reputation of Emmanuel as ‘the friendly College’ has grown over the years. This reputation, like the College’s excellent record of academic achievement, is primarily due to our students.

Emmanuel is a community that lives by principles of mutual support and collective responsibility. Part of the reason for our success, besides the more formal collegiate supervision system, is the striking supportive relationship that has grown up between students in different years of their courses and which persists as one group graduates and another group of freshers arrives.

The result of this is that Emmanuel’s students continue to excel in their exams, their sport and their music, while still finding time to enjoy an active and inclusive social life. The College provides the framework – excellent facilities for sport, computing and music; terrific teachers; a recently rebuilt library and one of the best reading rooms in Cambridge; a student-run bar and so on – but the students do the rest.

Emmanuel is first and foremost an intellectual community in which individuals can develop to their full potential. It’s also aesthetically pleasing: the spaciousness and quiet architectural beauty of the grounds enables our students to reach their full potential.

The inclusive environment of Emma College – you feel accepted and ‘at home’ whatever your background or beliefs.

Nicola

Fitzwilliam College

Fitzwilliam College combines the best of Cambridge tradition with a friendly, forward-thinking approach. Our active and diverse student community lives surrounded by some of the most beautiful gardens in Cambridge.

Fitzwilliam was founded in 1869 to broaden access to the University, and we’re proud of our history. We admit students from all backgrounds strictly on the basis of ability and promise. Our intellectually stimulating environment, together with strong pastoral and academic support, enables our students to reach their full potential.

Our location – between the main arts and science sites – is ideal for taking advantage of everything Cambridge has to offer. The setting, around the extensive gardens of a Georgian estate, combines ‘the best of the old and the new’. The Regency house at the heart of the College was once home to Darwin’s widow. More recent buildings include our auditorium (a venue for plays, concerts, debates and lectures) and new, superbly equipped 24/7 library. Students live in rooms in College (many en suite) or in College houses very nearby for all three (or four) years. Our beautiful gardens are there for all – everyone can walk on our grass.

Fitzwilliam has a strong reputation for music, thriving drama and sport, and a varied range of other College societies. There are music practice rooms, allotments, an art studio, the radio studio of CamFM, a new gym and squash courts on site and playing fields nearby. Students participate fully in our key College committees. Our lovely cafe/bar symbolises the open and welcoming nature of the College: it’s an informal space where students, staff and teaching Fellows meet over coffee and homemade cake.

Come and see for yourself! Explore Fitzwilliam with our students at an open day, or email admissions@fitz.cam.ac.uk with questions or to book a visit.

Sophie

Fact file

Fitzwilliam College

Courses available
All courses except Land Economy and the Education track: Education, English, Drama and the Arts

Student numbers
440 undergraduates
414 admitted each year
335 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Holly Canuto (sciences)
Dr Sara Owen (arts)
Dr Paul Chirico (medicine)

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 27 April, 13 September
Mathematics 27 April
Veterinary Medicine 13 September
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 7 (see p158-9)
01223 332030
admissions@fitz.cam.ac.uk
www.fitz.cam.ac.uk

Fact file

Emmanuel College

Courses available
All courses except Land Economy and the Education track: Education, English, Drama and the Arts

Student numbers
410 undergraduates
410 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Carolin Crawford (sciences)
Dr Robert Henderson (science)
Dr Philip Howell (arts)
Dr Corinna Russell (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Robert Henderson

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 2 October (afternoon)
Mathematics 4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 6 (see p158-9)
01223 334290
admissions@emma.cam.ac.uk
www.emma.cam.ac.uk
College accommodation – ranging from Victorian rooms in the original building, all first years, are housed on the historic main College site in a variety of undergraduate degree. The majority of our undergraduates, including The College guarantees its students accommodation for all years of their and social – and some of the best facilities for music in the University. 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.

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.

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 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.

Girton College

Set in beautiful grounds of more than 50 acres just outside the city centre, Girton College’s setting matches its open and informal atmosphere.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education and History of Art

Student numbers
500 undergraduates
140 admitted each year
280 postgraduates

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

Senior Tutor
Dr Sandra Fulton

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking

All subjects 21 September
Mathematics 4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 8 (see p158-9)
01223 338972
admissions@girton.cam.ac.uk
www.girton.cam.ac.uk

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

Gonville & Caius College

Caius is a large, friendly College based around three beautiful courts in the very centre of Cambridge. Founded in 1348, the College is known for its diverse student body, its academic ambition, and its strong sense of community.

Applicants are considered individually and selected solely on academic merit, regardless of school, social or national background. The life of the College is enriched by the diversity which characterises our student body. To help everyone settle in, we operate a full freshers’ programme, and a ‘parenting scheme’ to welcome new students into the College community.

Caius has more than 100 Fellows. The range of teaching and research interests within the College is huge, all undergraduate courses are offered and supported at the highest level and students form close working relationships with academics. Many subjects have their own societies within the College, bringing together students and Fellows for social events, discussions and lectures.

Exceptional accommodation is provided for all students throughout their time at Cambridge. We encourage students to eat together in the College Hall, but all accommodation is equipped with cooking facilities. Every first-year has a modern en suite study bedroom. Students in other years ballot for rooms in the medieval Old Courts, or in city-centre College-owned houses.

We have a superb library, containing more than 100,000 books and journals. We also offer excellent music, art and sporting facilities, including our own large, central sports ground and two gyms. In addition, the College supports a wide range of very successful clubs and societies – if you want to do it, you can do it at Caius. Visit us, and see for yourself.

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Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
560 undergraduates
250 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Andrew Bond (sciences)
Dr Sarah Houghton-Walker (arts)

Academic Dean
Dr Paul Wingfield

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking

All subjects 21 September
Mathematics 27 April, 4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 9 (see p158-9)
01223 332413
admissions@cai.cam.ac.uk
www.cai.cam.ac.uk

Maybe what’s most impressive about Caius is the general atmosphere of inclusion, development and achievement.

Jack
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, committed to supporting students in today’s world.

For example, we have established an optional programme, Homerton Changemakers, to work alongside academic study and equip our students to be effective agents of positive change. Each new generation of students helps build our community, enhancing what’s 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 vibrant, open and inclusive places for living and learning in the University.

Fact file

Courses file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
310 undergraduates
110 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Paul Elliott Science
Mr Steve Watts Arts

Senior Tutor
Dr Penny Barton

Open days 2019
27 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
See the College website for information and booking

Hughes Hall

Hughes Hall is a different type of Cambridge College. We are a friendly and supportive academic community, with around 100 mature or affiliated undergraduates and up to 600 postgraduates. Two-thirds of these students come from outside the UK. We understand the challenges that face mature and affiliated undergraduates, including international students, at the University of Cambridge, and have a pastoral and tutorial team experienced in providing appropriate support and advice.

College Fellows represent the breadth of Cambridge disciplines, as well as incorporating distinguished individuals from business, law, education and policymaking. Across the globe, Hughes Hall alumni include leading business people, engineers and scientists, government ministers, senior members of the legal profession, and a gold medal Olympian. Together, these Fellows and Alumni provide a College network of scholars and professionals that supports our current students.

Cambridge has much to offer in the form of both College and University level societies and sports. Hughes Hall students are strongly involved: they regularly represent Cambridge on University teams, and contribute to a diverse community where all can flourish.

Hughes Hall has many excellent quality public spaces and student rooms, from the grand Victorian main building, to modern accommodation and nearby shared houses. All room rents are set bearing in mind affordability, and as an undergraduate you are guaranteed a room for every year of your course.

The College is situated beside the lively, cosmopolitan area of Mill Road. It is within a 10-minute bike ride of most faculties, yet surrounded by the peaceful green spaces of the University cricket ground and Parker’s Piece. It is also close to the train and bus stations.

Fact file

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

Student numbers
90 undergraduates
35 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Carole Sargent (Law, sciences)

Senior Tutor
Dr Philip Johnston

Open days 2019
9 July
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
See the College website for information and booking

Sophie

I love the diversity of the student body at Hughes Hall. With one of the most international intakes at Cambridge, you are always around friendly people with really interesting backgrounds and experiences.

Sandy

It’s just the most buzzing, lively, friendly atmosphere – and I love being a part of it!

www.cam.ac.uk/ugcolls
Jesus College

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. The College grounds are spacious and tranquil, away from the main tourist routes but only five minutes’ walk from the city centre.

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 too, with newly refurbished facilities including a brand new bar, café and common room. Unusually for a Cambridge College, our playing fields are on the main site.

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

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
350 undergraduates
148 admitted each year
380 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Christopher Burhinson (arts)
Dr Matthew Harper (sciences)
Dr Jenny West (recruitment)

Senior Tutor
Dr Geoff Parks

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking

All subjects 4 May, 21 September
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 12 (see p158-9)
01223 331945
undergraduate-admissions@jesus.cam.ac.uk
www.jesus.cam.ac.uk

King’s College

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 continental Europe and overseas.

The College has a high ratio of teaching Fellows to undergraduates, and relations between members of the College are traditionally 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. 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 running classes for all members. Our run club nights and an Art Centre running classes for all members. Our relations between members of the College are traditionally informal. Our College has a high ratio of teaching Fellows to undergraduates, and we make 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 is renowned for its music and Chapel. In addition to our celebrated male-voice choir, there’s King’s Voices (a mixed choir), a student orchestra and musical society, and countless other groups for different tastes and styles. At King’s, it’s your academic promise that matters most – students from any background can fulfil their personal and intellectual potential and we welcome applicants from any type of school or region of the world.

What struck me when I arrived was how very normal everyone is. But at King’s there’s also a sense that being ‘different’ (be it in terms of interests, race, sexuality or politics) is something to be respected.

Rachel

Fact file

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

Student numbers
430 undergraduates
125 admitted each year
280 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Professor Bill Burgwinke
Dr Felipe Hernández (Assistant)
Dr Cesare Hall (Assistant)

Senior Tutor
Dr Tim Flack

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
Mathematics 27 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 13 (see p158-9)
01223 331255
undergraduate.admissions@kings.cam.ac.uk
www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study
www.cam.ac.uk
Lucy Cavendish College

When Lucy Cavendish was founded in 1965, newspapers called it ‘the College without towers, turrets or gatehouse’. We’re still as informal and as open-minded today.

Lucy Cavendish is one of the smaller Cambridge Colleges, and one of the most diverse: our 410 students come from more than 60 countries, and include many affiliate students alongside first-time undergraduates with a wide range of interests, experience and qualifications.

The College lies close to the city centre, in tranquil grounds featuring a wildflower meadow, pond and music pavilion as well as our cluster of Victorian and 1990s buildings. The library is unusually spacious, with a collection designed to encourage reading for pleasure, not just academic study. Students enjoy a well-equipped gym, and interconnecting common room, bar, games room and conservatory. The sunny dining hall opens onto an alfresco eating area and our chefs pride themselves on using seasonal, local produce.

On-site accommodation is offered to all single undergraduates; most rooms are en suite, with a smaller number of twin ‘sets’ sharing a bathroom and kitchenette. Our new Histon Road complex includes one- and two-bedroom flats, increasing the options available to couples and families.

Staff and students enjoy informal, close-knit, non-hierarchical relations; social events involve the whole College. Annual traditions include a garden party, a Christmas carol concert and formal halls to celebrate special events and achievements.

We are known for preparing women for the professions and have good links with industry, and Lucy Cavendish students also excel across the arts and sciences. The College has a growing profile in sport, and values creativity with industry, and Lucy Cavendish students also excel across the arts and sciences. The College has a growing profile in sport, and values creativity.

Open Days and really liked it.

Magdalene College

Magdalene College has the advantage of an attractive and convenient location on the banks of the River Cam, less than five minutes’ walk from the city centre.

With buildings that are both beautiful and welcoming, libraries providing everything from first-year textbooks to medieval manuscripts, committed teaching staff and a vibrant community, Magdalene College is a perfect environment in which to live and study.

Magdalene typically admits around 105 undergraduates a year and encourages applicants from all educational and social backgrounds. Every applicant is assessed on their own merits and we take into account both potential and track record. At Magdalene, we want our students to fulfil every gramme of their potential and our Directors of Studies are on hand to help you achieve at the highest possible level.

If you come to study here, you receive a warm welcome as soon as you arrive in Magdalene: there are plenty of activities in the first week and beyond to help you settle in, meet new people and feel at home.

We’re able to accommodate all our students, and a good choice and mix of housing is available; from the formality of First Court, through to the Magdalene village (ranging from medieval study bedrooms to modern sets) and Cripps Court, with its handsome garden and en suite rooms.

College tradition is maintained with candlelit dinners in Hall, though many students also use the informal cafeteria and cooking facilities in the numerous staircase kitchens.

Why not take a look at our website and download the Magdalene prospectus?

Fact file

Magdalene College

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
339 undergraduates
120 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Stuart Martin (post-offer)

Senior Tutor
Dr John Munns (post-application)

Open Days 2019
See the College website for information and booking

All subjects
3 March, 1 July
Mathematics 27 April

Further information
Map reference 15 (see p158-9)
01223 310280
admissions@magd.cam.ac.uk
www.magd.cam.ac.uk

Fact file

Lucy Cavendish College

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
120 undergraduates
290 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Victoria Harvey

Senior Tutor
Dr Jane Greatorex

Open Days 2019
Regular Admissions Clinics held throughout the year.
See the College website for information and booking

All subjects 6 July
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 14 (see p158-9)
01223 310280
admissions@lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk
www.lucy-cav.cam.ac.uk

I knew I wanted to apply to a mature College. I wanted to be with people who were slightly older and this was all-female as well which is interesting. I came here for the Open Day and really liked it.

Isabelle

All the students appreciate Magdalene’s close-knit, diverse and friendly community. The College has the work-life balance spot-on and offers me everything I want both academically and recreationally. Formal hall seven days a week is also a definite positive.

Paul
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 woman 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 unique 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, which helps to strengthen the powerful sense of community and which you sense the moment you step inside.

Our spacious central site is right next to the Sidgwick Site, with the science and engineering departments 5 minutes’ cycle away. Our sports fields, tennis and netball courts are all on site, so is our roof-top glass-walled gym, looking out over the Cambridge skyline.

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

If you want to dream big, and receive practical support for your dreams, join us.

Murray Edwards welcomed me with open arms and has continued to help me every step of the way; from offering Gateway sessions to helping me fund a trip to Italy. Murray Edwards has given me so many opportunities to thrive in my subject.

Hannah

Murray Edwards

Newnham College

150 years ago, a group of radicals – philosophers, campaigners, scientists, writers – came together to create a Cambridge College unlike any other. They dreamt of a College that would be friendly and challenging, with huge gardens open to everyone, and where Fellows and students would talk on equal terms. Newnham today makes that real.

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

Our gorgeous library, one of the best in Cambridge, was first built in 1897, when early women students couldn’t use the University libraries. Old Labs, the original women’s laboratories, are now a performance space. Our founders wanted a College that would be beautiful and sociable, with warm brick buildings looking out to stunning gardens where students picnic, work and relax. From historic rooms with balconies to stylish modern en-suite rooms, all Newnham undergraduates live on site and are always close to their friends.

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Pembroke College

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 atmosphere that comes from those who work, study 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.

Pembroke is an oasis, with spacious gardens and a large site. Our students live on the main site or in nearby College-owned houses throughout their undergraduate studies, and accommodation ranges from the old to the new. Our food is renowned for its quality, with lots of choice and flexibility. Students can also catch up with friends or work at Café Pembroke, which serves hot and cold food and drinks throughout the day.

We have a library, computer room, bar, gym, music practice rooms and sports fields a short cycle ride away. There are numerous opportunities for students to explore their wider interests, however seriously (or otherwise!) they want to take them. Pembroke students flourish, and we do everything we can to offer the support they deserve.

Members of Pembroke are united by a deep interest in their subject, their intellectual curiosity and their commitment to fulfilling their academic potential. This contributes to the College’s reputation for academic excellence. We also respect one another’s right to be different - our College is inclusive and friendly. All of our academic staff are dedicated to supporting and inspiring students to develop their existing talents so that they achieve highly in readiness for their careers and lives beyond university.

In assessing applications, we place a great deal of emphasis on academic achievement, and we encourage the brightest and most interested students, whatever your background, to consider us.

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 study, sport, music and social events. These include a spacious and well-stocked library, as well as a theatre, music practice rooms, bar, computer room, gym, boathouse and sports grounds. The beautiful and tranquil Deer Park provides a large space for students to relax and meet friends while enjoying a pause in their busy schedules.

We always look to admit those with the potential to flourish in our nurturing environment and are committed to offering places to the most able, regardless of school or background. To find out more about Peterhouse, why not come to an open day and meet our students and staff? If you’re unable to attend one of these, individual visits can usually be arranged with the Admissions Team, who are always happy to advise you and answer any questions you may have.

I couldn’t wish for a better second home. Everyone here looks after you and your wellbeing, not just your academic standards. It feels great to know that there’s always someone around to help me out!

Jay

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
480 undergraduates
240 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Caroline Burt

Senior Tutor
Dr Dan Tucker

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 5 July, 5 July, 28 September
Arts 17 April
Science 18 April
Law 3 July
Mathematics, Music 4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Email admissions@pem.cam.ac.uk
Visit www.pem.cam.ac.uk

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education, Geography, Land Economy, Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
260 undergraduates
206 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Professor Sophie Jackson (sciences)
Mr Scott Mandelbrote (arts)
Dr András Zsák (sciences)

Senior Tutor
Reverend Dr Stephen Hampton

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 12 September
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 18 (see p158-9)
Email admissions@pet.cam.ac.uk
Visit www.pet.cam.ac.uk

The size of the College makes it easy to know everyone and is less overwhelming! The Deer Park is also a bonus, it’s a beautiful place to be able to run through to get your dinner.

Aisha

Aisha
Queens’ College

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

We want our students to pursue their academic interests and achieve their full potential. Queens’ 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.

Queens’ undergraduates are guaranteed accommodation for three years. We offer a full catering service but each landing has a kitchennette for those who want to self-cater. All rooms enjoy internet access and wi-fi is available throughout the site. Queens’ provides superb facilities for the arts. There are also 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 by experienced Fellows who 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 web or attend an open day to find out more.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
490 undergraduates
150 admitted each year
500 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Andrew Thompson

Senior Tutor
Dr James Kelly

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 4 July, 5 July
Mathematics 4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
- Map reference 20 (see p158-9)
- 01223 339143
- admissions@queens.cam.ac.uk
- www.queens.cam.ac.uk

Robinson College

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 is en suite 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. Our open events in March, April, July and September are good times to visit, but we also welcome individuals or school groups throughout the year. If you have any questions or wish to arrange a visit, please contact Francesca Amabile in the College Admissions Office.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except History of Art

Student numbers
386 undergraduates
172 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Scott Annett
Dr Holly Hedgeland

Senior Tutor
Dr David Woodman

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 4 July, 5 July
Mathematics 27 April
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
- Map reference 21 (see p158-9)
- 01223 339143
- apply@robinson.cam.ac.uk
- www.robinson.cam.ac.uk

Queens’ is one of the friendliest Colleges, situated in a cracking central location. Despite being a fairly big College, you won’t struggle to meet everyone as we live on the main site for all three years.

Charlie

Anna

All Robinson undergrads live in College and the houses on the main site, which is great as it means we’re often friends with people in different year groups.
St Catharine’s College

St Catharine’s is a welcoming, medium-size College for men and women, 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 small theatre that is regularly used. The numerous College clubs and societies include the choir and those in their middle years live in attractive flats on Grange Road.

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Fact file

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

Student numbers
440 undergraduates
115 admitted each year
228 postgraduates

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

Senior Tutor
Dr Miranda Griffin

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 6 July, 7 September, 14 September
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 22 (see p158-19)
01223 331839
undergraduate.admissions@caths.cam.ac.uk
www.caths.cam.ac.uk

My time at Catz has left me with a wide circle of close friends in many different walks of life, and even after graduating College still feels as familiar and welcoming whenever I return.

James

St Edmund’s College

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 St Edmund’s student community also includes 111 mature undergraduates (aged 21 or over), including affiliate students (who already have a degree from another university). Many students are studying for a degree after a break from full-time education.

The College sits in six acres of parkland and is conveniently placed for the arts faculties, the West Cambridge Site, the Veterinary School, the University Library and the city centre. The College buildings currently house 218 single student rooms (some en suite). A new block of en suite accommodation, Mount Pleasant House, is set to open in 2019. All rooms are centrally heated and connected to the internet, and some are suitable for students with physical disabilities. Our library building includes a large reception/lecture room, teaching rooms, a gym and a music practice room.

Scholars and Fellows of St Edmund’s form a single community with the student body led by a lively executive committee that runs the Combination Room with its bar, pool table and a host of social events. The College kitchen offers up to three meals a day as well as formal meals at least once a week during term time.

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 Hugel Institute for Critical Catholic Inquiry also enriches the life of the College.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
For students aged 21 and over (mature students):
111 undergraduates
64 admitted each year
550 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Susan Haines
Dr Michele Gemelos

Senior Tutor
Dr Judith Bunbury

Open days 2019
See Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 23 (see p158-19)
01223 336886
admissions@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk
www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk

St Edmund’s offers a supportive environment where Fellows, staff and students work together to make it an enjoyable place to study and socialise. The collective community spirit makes for a welcoming and enriching environment.

Stephen
St John’s College

With its lively mix of undergraduates and guaranteed on-site accommodation throughout your course, St John’s puts students at the heart of a friendly, diverse community in one of Cambridge’s most spectacular settings.

The atmosphere at St John’s is energetic, challenging, inspiring. We’re committed to providing a world class education in an exciting multicultural environment where you can thrive and exceed your own expectations. Whatever your subject, there’s someone here in your discipline to support you.

Our central riverside grounds provide easy access to University facilities and have a strong sense of community – all students can find like-minded people and make lifelong friends. The College also has more than 40 student-run societies and sports teams, so there’s always plenty to do.

One of the most important experiences we offer is the chance to be part of a group that achieves distinction at the highest level. Whether at a concert, in the library, or in conversation over dinner, you’re immersed in a world where the exchange of ideas is enthusiastic, unpretentious and motivating.

‘The people and environment are what makes John’s so special – it’s a big College, but it has a really friendly community.’ Julie

‘Many people where I come from thought Cambridge was far away and socially exclusive. The reality in St John’s is that people from all sorts of backgrounds come here to live and study.’ Tom

‘I applied to St John’s because it’s such a vibrant, diverse place. Now I get to provide a world class education in an exciting multicultural environment where you can thrive and exceed your own expectations. Whatever your subject, there’s someone here in your discipline to support you.

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‘I applied to St John’s because it’s such a vibrant, diverse place. Now I get to study with people from all over the world.’ Katie

One of the best ways to experience what the College has to offer is to come and see for yourself. Dr Helen Watson, the Admissions Tutor, and the Admissions and Access Team are happy to offer advice or arrange visits for individuals and schools.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
569 undergraduates
130 admitted each year
325 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Helen Watson

Director of Education and Senior Tutor
Dr Annie-May Timpson

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 24 June, 25 June
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 24 (see p158-9)
01223 338763
admissions@joh.cam.ac.uk
www.joh.cam.ac.uk

Selwyn College

Selwyn College is home to a supportive and exciting 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 (70 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.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
400 undergraduates
250 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Daniel Beauregard (sciences)
Dr Stuart Eves (sciences)
Dr Kirsty McDiagall (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Mike Sewell

Open days 2019
See the College website for information and booking
All subjects 20 September
Mathematics 4 May
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
Map reference 25 (see p158-9)
01223 335896
admissions@sel.cam.ac.uk
www.sel.cam.ac.uk

My time at Selwyn has been not only academically stimulating but immensely enjoyable. From great facilities to supportive supervisors, I couldn’t have asked for a better place to make the most of university and prepare me for the future.

Cath

Coming here has been a fantastic journey and I’m grateful for all the opportunities that the College has given me as a student. It’s inspired me to encourage teenagers from all sorts of backgrounds to follow their dreams and consider applying.

Michael
Sidney Sussex College

Sidney is relatively compact in size, but its sense of community is second to none. 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.

Sidney provides superb facilities for study and for pastoral support. Our library is accessible 24 hours a day, and our library team is helpful and very enthusiastic. Sidney has a dedicated pastoral team, which includes a nurse, a study skills co-ordinator, and a student welfare specialist. A recent highlight was our award-winning chef sharing his chocolatiering skills with undergraduates looking for a break from revision.

Our Fellows engage with undergraduates not only by teaching but also in nurturing a fruitful intellectual life. The Sidney Greats lecture series is open to everyone who works or studies here, and presents big ideas in an accessible and engaging way. Recent talks have ranged from ‘Silent Aircraft’ to ‘The Horse in Human History’ to ‘Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony’. There is always an opportunity to carry on these conversations together afterwards.

Meals are available in our beautiful dining hall, and from 2020, from a new cafeteria facility too. Undergraduates have access to kitchen facilities in their accommodation. We have a wide range of student rooms guaranteed during your undergraduate degree, from sharing a College-owned house with friends, to study-and-bedroom set combinations in the older parts of Sidney. First year students are randomly allocated a room, so they can get to know other students easily.

The Sidney Students’ Union also work hard to make sure students feel at home. They organise a lively and varied set of activities for freshers, and there is plenty going on throughout the year, from open mic nights, to welfare bouncy castles, to student societies that cater for all interests.

The best thing about Sidney is the community. I’ve spent four years surrounded by the most weird and wonderful people.

All the people I’ve lived with have shaped me and I have so many happy memories I’m never going to forget.

Tom

Trinity College

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 events, and a popular student centre with common rooms and a bar. Undergraduates can live in College throughout the full length of their course, and all rooms have internet connections.

We are actively committed to widening participation. We host residential and other visits to the College, and work closely with educational charities to encourage applications from all schools, further education colleges and sixth forms, including those with little or no experience of Cambridge.

You can learn more about Trinity by booking a place on an open day, or just by visiting the College informally to have a look round. Our website contains comprehensive information and the Admissions Office is happy to deal with further enquiries.

The best thing about Trinity is the amazing opportunities available to all students. There’s a huge range of College societies and you’ll find friends with similar interests, whether it’s sports, music, art, politics or anything else.

Ellie
Trinity Hall

The first thing visitors notice about Trinity Hall is its vibrant and informal community atmosphere.

Take a walk from one end of Trinity Hall to the other and you’re bound to meet a friendly face along the way, whether it’s a smiling Porter at the front desk, a group of students sitting on the lawn, or a Fellow on their way to give a lecture.

Trinity Hall is ideally situated for student life in Cambridge, located within easy walking distance of lecture halls, labs, libraries, clubs, pubs and shops. The College library and picturesque gardens back onto the river, making a relaxed environment in which to work and unwind. The Aula Bar and Coffee Shop provides a cozy setting in which to grab a drink, catch up with friends and play a game of pool in the common room next door.

Accommodation is available for all undergraduates for the duration of their course. Across Trinity Hall’s three sites, accommodation ranges from atmospheric buildings steeped in history to newly built housing with en suite facilities.

As well as maintaining a tradition of academic excellence, our students make significant contributions to College and university life through numerous clubs, societies and sports. Trinity Hall students have the use of 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.

More than just a collection of beautiful buildings, Trinity Hall is a dynamic community of people from all over the world. We encourage applications from all school types, including those with little or no tradition of applying to Cambridge.

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

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education

Student numbers
380 undergraduates
110 admitted each year
240 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Reverend Dr Stephen Plant (arts)
Dr Will Skylark (sciences)

Senior Tutor
Dr Claire Jackson

Open Days 2019
See the College website for information and booking.

Arts 9 April
Sciences 10 April
Mathematics 27 April

See also Cambridge Open Days p154

Further information
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Wolfson College

Wolfson is one of the most cosmopolitan Colleges in Cambridge, with typically 600 mature undergraduate and graduate full-time student members.

We take mature undergraduates as well as affiliate students with a previous Honours degree. Most undergraduates are in their early 20s but we warmly welcome applicants of all ages (21 or older). Wolfson is one of four Colleges that admit students for the Graduate Course in Medicine.

The College has a lively, friendly atmosphere and a uniquely egalitarian character. All of our students bring a richness of experience that benefits their academic work and the spirit of internationalism is fostered by students from more than 70 countries. All subjects are represented among Fellows and the breadth of membership is further extended by distinguished academic visitors who come to Wolfson for periods of research.

The relationship between senior and junior members is informal, with common rooms and social facilities open equally to both. We offer a gym and various sports clubs and societies, including Zumba, football, rowing, yoga and salsa dancing. The humanities and science societies host a series of termly lectures, and a lunchtime seminar attracts speakers from across disciplines. Partners of students actively participate in College life.

Wolfson accommodates all students who wish to live in College and the main College buildings orbit attractive garden courts. All rooms have central heating and are wi-fi enabled, with access to well-equipped kitchens for self-catering. Most are single study bedrooms, with a mixture of shared facilities and en suite. There’s also some accommodation for couples and families. Our spacious library is open 24 hours a day.

The College is close to the University Library, and most faculties and the city centre are a few minutes away by bicycle.

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Economics and Mathematics

Student numbers
For students aged 21 and over (mature students)
180 undergraduates
c50 admitted each year
600 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Michael Hribenjak (arts)
Dr Lesley MacVinish (sciences)

Senior Tutor
Dr Susan Larsen

Open Days 2019
See also Cambridge Open Days p154

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The unique thing about Wolfson is not only that you work with people from different academic backgrounds and levels, but also people from all over the world.

James