Welcome to Churchill College!

I'm Ash, a 4th year and President of Churchill Junior Common Room. Congratulations on getting into Cambridge University and Churchill College! The hard work has paid off and soon you'll be studying at one of the best universities in the world. It's a tremendous opportunity and many exciting years lie ahead.

Churchill College is often described as a forward-looking, laid-back and friendly college. The College has a strong community ethos and you'll soon settle in. Even so, it's completely normal to feel anxious - I certainly did!

To help you settle in quickly, the JCR Committee has organised several events and activities for Freshers’ Week. We hope you'll take every opportunity to get involved.

On the first night you'll meet your 'college parents'. You'll have the option to go on the JCR Pub Crawl or stay in College where the Games Society will be hosting a games night. Both parents will be second and/or third years and at least one will study your subject (hopefully). You'll be able to ask them questions and raise any problems you encounter in the first few weeks. To help allocate parents, the JCR Committee has a survey you've hopefully already completed. If not, you can access it on the JCR's website (jcr.chu.cam.ac.uk) under the parenting tab - Apply for Parents.

If you're on Facebook, we recommend you join two Facebook groups: 'Churchill College Official Freshers 2018' and 'Churchill JCR'. The Freshers page will be updated regularly with information and it's a great place to ask any questions you have before you arrive. Alternatively, feel free to email anyone in the JCR Committee.

There are many opportunities on offer at Cambridge; be sure to make the most of the next three or four years. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to meeting you at the end of September!
JCR Committee 2018-19

All undergraduates studying at Churchill are automatically members of the Junior Common Room. They are represented, in College and university matters, by the JCR committee. All officers are elected each year in February, apart from the president who is elected in Michaelmas term. Officers have specific responsibilities and you’ll see them throughout Freshers’ Week; look out for the pink t-shirts! Feel free to get in touch by email. Our emails are the weird combination of letters and numbers (called CRSids) followed by @cam.ac.uk.

Vice President and Secretary - Marcel Hedman (moh29)

Hey guys! I'm Marcel, a second year Phys NatSci. In my role I support Ash in providing the best JCR for you, I also organise and minute committee meetings and most importantly am responsible for college stash!

Treasurer - Kieran Heal (kph26)

Hi! I'm Kieran, I'm a third year Phys NatSci and I'm responsible for managing the JCR budget. I also represent the JCR's interests on the College's Finance Committee and am the Secretary and Treasurer of the Combined College Room Finance Committee, which is the responsible for granting money to college societies so if you ever need any help with setting up a college society or applying for college finance do not hesitate to contact me.

Ents - Stephen Hughes (sh954)

I'm a second year here at Churchill, originally from Llanelli, South Wales. As expected, I love rugby and party harder than most. I'm looking forward to putting on some quality events for everyone over the next year, building a solid social community that Churchill students feel apart of. If you've got any suggestions for Entertainments and social events, drop me a line. Work hard, play harder X

Green - Cornelia Bentsen (cgb41)

I'm Cornelia, a second year geographer. I'm low-key obsessed with the environment and am super committed to not only reducing the ecological footprint of our college, but also changing the way we frame environmental discourse. I believe that the best way to do this is through collaboration so if you have any projects you want to launch, contact me and I would be more than happy to work with you to make your environmental dreams come true. #GoGreen#GetGroovy
Access - Tabbi Reed (tar39)

Hey! I'm Tabbi, I am a second year Philosophy student and will be your Access and Academic Affairs officer for this year. My aim is to showcase an honest picture of student life at Churchill and promote the college through platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, with a focus on addressing the gender imbalance. If you have any suggestions or ideas on this matter, or any comments or feedback about the academic environment at Churchill please do not hesitate to let me know!

Women's Welfare Officer: Holly Gimson (hzlg2); Men's Welfare Officer: James Cook (jhc72); LGBT+ Welfare Officer: Ben Sawyer (boss2); International Welfare Officer: Radu Udrea (rmu20)

Welcome to Churchill! Our role is to promote the welfare of all students at Churchill. We organise events throughout the year to improve students’ wellbeing. Last term we organised a range of welfare events, including a comedy night and, of course, free food. We can provide free sexual health provisions (condoms, lube, femidoms, dental dams and pregnancy tests) on request - you can message us via email, Facebook or anonymously through the JCR website. We’ll get them to you via our pidge or yours (which ever you prefer) ASAP. Do get in contact if you have any concerns or want a chat. We look forward to meeting you all in Freshers' Week!

Computing - Ross Tooley (rjt80) and Jimmy Yu (jsy27)

I'm Ross, a second year computer scientist doing the behind-the-scenes upkeep of the JCR tech and website, I'm also the men's captain of the boat club. I bet you'll see me around college a fair amount, so feel free to speak to me about any of those things!

Hi everyone, I'm Jimmy. I am in no way qualified for this role, Ross is really the pro when it comes to computing. You might see me run around filming a fair amount throughout the year, I work on making videos that represent our lives at Churchill. If you're keen to be featured don't be shy, show us some energy and you probably will be featured in the next project of Churchill productions!

Domestic - Emily Booth (ekb43)

Hi! I'm Emily, and I'm your Domestic Officer for this year. I'm here to make your time at Churchill as homely and comfortable as possible! If you ever have any concerns or problems, be it with accommodation, catering, laundry or any other domestic issue (no matter how small!), feel free to contact me and I will do my very best to solve it.

Mental Health Officer - Chessie Broadhurst (fgb21)

Hi I'm Chessie and a second year PBS student. As your mental health officer I promote the wellbeing of all students at Churchill and ensure that Churchill students have access to the best quality of care through the nurse and counsellor. I want people to feel that they are able to approach these services, as well as their tutors, with any mental health concerns they may have and I will fight to minimise the stigma around these issues in college. Please get in touch if you have any concerns or comments about welfare provision in college and I will attempt to address them!
Equipment and Societies - David Berry (dgb37)
I am David. I am in charge of JCR owned equipment (which you can borrow) and of societies (and their funding along with the Treasurer, Kieran). I can easily be recognised around college as I nearly always wearing a shirt and jacket.

Equal Opportunities Officer: Pearl Eagling (pe272); Disabilities Officer: Arpi Pusztaio (ap2026); Women’s and Non-Binary Officer: Nikki Eames (ncoe2); Black and Ethnic Minorities Officer: Varun Manivannan (Vr357);

As Equal Opportunities Officers, our job is to look out for everyone and make sure that everyone at Churchill is treated as equally and as fairly as possible in order that you can always feel included whilst at Churchill. We will do our best to make sure that everyone is represented in the JCR meetings. If you think of/notice anything in Churchill that can be improved regarding inclusivity of events around college and the representation of any of the student body, please let us know.

College Facilities

Churchill College has a range of facilities on-site for students to use.

Library
The library is open 24 hours a day and is split into two sections. Books for science subjects can be found downstairs in the Bracken Library and arts books are upstairs in the Bevin Library. You can search for books online and request for new books to be purchased. There aren’t any fines for overdue books... fortunately.

Food in College
Each staircase has at least one snack kitchen which has a hob and a microwave, a few even have ovens. Lunch and dinner are served in the Hall everyday and breakfast is available in the buttery every morning. The buttery also sells a selection of snacks, sandwiches and pizzas. There’s a Sub Bar too, selling Subway-style sandwiches made to order. Formal Hall, which is a three-course served meal with coffee, can be booked online and is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during term time.

JCR Games Room and TV Room
Just off the Main Concourse is the Games Room and TV Room. There’s lots on offer in the Games Room including a football table, a pool table, table tennis, lots of board games and a piano.

Sport
Churchill has its own well-equipped gym which is free to use. You must receive basic induction training first; sessions will take place during Freshers’ Week. The College also has its own tennis and squash courts which can be booked at the Porters’ Lodge. There are also on-site sports pitches which are used by College clubs including the cricket, football, and rugby clubs.

 hall - opening times
Lunch: Mon - Sat: 12:15-13:45
Saturday Brunch: 9:30-11:00
Sunday Roast Dinner: 12:15-13:45
Dinner: Mon-Sun: 17:45-19:15

Buttery & Bar—opening times
Mon-Fri: 8:00-23:00
Saturday: 8:00-11:00 & 15:15-23:00
Sunday: 9:00-10:30 & 18:15-22:30

Bikes
Bikes can be stored in the College bike sheds but you must register your bike at the Porters’ Lodge. College has a bike repair shop that’s open a couple of days a week. Bike lights can be purchased from College during Freshers’ Week for a small charge.

Music
The College’s Music Centre is available for musicians to practise and perform. The recital rooms house a harpsichord and Steinway grand piano. Rehearsal rooms can be booked online but you must be authorised to book by the Music Sizar (contact music.sizar@chucam.ac.uk).

Laundry
There are four laundry rooms in College. Payment is made by the Circuit Laundry app or card. The Housekeeping Department also offers a dry-cleaning service. Items must be left by Monday morning and are returned on Thursday.

Maintenance
Any maintenance issues should be reported via the online reporting system which can be found under the Quick Links section on the College’s website. The Maintenance Department deals with any problems very quickly!
What to do at Churchill and in Cambridge

There’s a vast array of things to do outside of studying both within College and the wider university. Make sure you visit CUSU Freshers’ Fair to sign up to university clubs and societies. The JCR also holds a fair for College clubs and societies.

College clubs and societies

Churchill College has a number of student-run clubs and societies including the Boat Club, Badminton Club, Art Society, Music Society, Football Club and Ultimate Frisbee Club. Representatives from all societies will be present at the ‘JCR Societies Squash’ on Wednesday at 7pm. Make sure to sign up!

University clubs and societies

Sports operate at college and university level. Most political parties have societies and the Cambridge Union Society hosts weekly debates and well-known speakers from around the world. There are several university newspapers which students can write for. University clubs and societies will be present at the CUSU Freshers’ Fair.

Clubs and pubs

Cambridge is home to a number of great pubs, bars and restaurants. If you opt to go out on the first night, you'll visit some of the pubs on the pub crawl. There are also several night clubs in Cambridge. The typical club nights are: Sunday Life (held at Kuda), Tuesday Cindies (held at Ballare) or Glitterbomb (LGBT+ night at Kuda), Wednesday Cindies, Thursday Lola’s and Friday Life (held at Kuda).

Theatre

The ADC Theatre and the Corpus Playhouse are home to the university’s theatre groups including the famous Cambridge Footlights.

Shops

There is a Sainsbury’s in town opposite Sydney Sussex, this will likely be your main stop after lectures in town. There is also an Aldi on Histon Road, accessible by going through Medwards, and a larger Sainsbury’s at Eddington. For a larger choice of shops, there are 2 shopping centre’s in Cambridge, the Grafton Centre and the Grand Arcade/Lion Yard.
Glossary

Here's some terminology you will encounter which may require some explanation!

Blue - awarded to high achieving members of the university's sports teams. Typically, they've represented the university in their sport.

College parents - two second and/or third years who will be your 'parents'/mentors while at Churchill. You'll meet them on your first day!

Cuppers - intercollegiate competitions in sport and the arts.

Dean - the Dean is head of discipline in College.

Matriculation - where you are formally initiated as a member of Churchill College and Cambridge University.

Night clubs - Life is actually called Kuda and Cindies is actually called Ballare.

RAG - means Raise and Give. It's a student-run organisation which raises money for charity.

Swap - an occasion where different sport teams or subject groups meet up for dinner and drinks.

Terms - Michaelmas is Oct-Dec, Lent is Jan-Mar and Easter is Apr-Jun.

Important Contacts

Here are some useful contact details. Make sure you input the number for the Porters' Lodge into your phone so you can easily contact them in emergencies.

College Contacts

Porters' Lodge - 01223 336000
College Nurse - 01223 336133 (nurse@chu.cam.ac.uk)

JCR Committee Contacts

You can contact us by email anonymously through the JCR's website at jcr.chu.cam.ac.uk.

Useful Contacts

Panther Taxis: 01223 715715
CamCab Taxis: 01223 704704
Huntington Road Surgery: 01223 364127 (out of hours: 03301 239131)
Nightline (helpline run by students for students, 7pm-7am): 01223 744444
Linkline (listening and information service run by students for students, 7pm-7am): 01223 367575
University Counselling Service: 01223 332865
CHURCHILL COLLEGE JCR
SUMMARY FRESHERS’ WEEK TIMETABLE

The full programme with details of all events can be found in your information packs

Saturday 29th September
11am - Student Meet and Greet
5pm - Senior Tutor’s Welcome (Wolfson Hall)
5.30pm - JCR Committee Welcome (Wolfson Hall)
6pm - Meet your College Parents
7pm - Pub Crawl or Games in College

Sunday 30th September
9am - Breakfast in Hall with the JCR Committee (optional)
10.30am - Sustainability Talk and Consent Workshop (Wolfson Hall)
12.30pm - BBQ for £3.50
2.00pm - 2.30pm - Understanding Subconscious Bias (Wolfson Hall)
2.30pm - 3.45pm - Academic Session (Wolfson Hall)
4pm - Hill Colleges’ Garden Party
7pm - Churchill Casino
Night out - Sunday Life (Kuda)

Monday 1st October
9am - Compulsory Breakfast Meeting
1.30pm - Freshers’ Photograph (Porters’ Lodge)
2.15pm - Compulsory Safety Talks
7pm - Matriculation Dinner
9pm - Churchill PAV

Tuesday 2nd October
2pm - Gym Induction

Wednesday 3rd October
2pm - Gym Induction Session
7pm - Societies Squash (Main Concourse)
Night out - Wednesday Cindies (Baliare)

Thursday 4th October
8pm - Film Night in the Wolfson

Friday 5th October
7pm - JCR Social (bar)
Night out - Friday Life (Kuda)

Saturday 6th October
11am - Gym Induction Session
5.30pm - Badminton Society Introductory Session

Sunday 7th October
10am - Try Rowing and Coxing Day

Monday 8th October
4pm - Femsoc - Tizard room

Sunday 14th October
11am - Tour of grounds and gardens
More information on introductory sessions by other clubs and societies can be found at our societies squash.