This programme of events represents an amalgam of the academic, the administrative and the social. All three are important, but Churchill is fundamentally a home for scholarship, where your work must come first. Your first week will involve a good deal of socialising, but from early on you will also need to get your head down and focus on your studies.

Please note that formal College activities, which you should consider compulsory, unless advised otherwise, are written in standard text, whereas activities in italics are organised by societies and the JCR.

**Tuesday 25 September**

**Pre-sessional Programme for Overseas Students begins**  
See International Freshers’ Week Programme  
Tuesday 25 September – Friday 28 September

5.30pm – 7pm **Language Assessment Course in the Tizard Room**  
Dr Rupert Brown, Study Skills Tutor, will run a language assessment course for overseas freshers’ attending the Mathematicians sessions. You will be informed by the Tutorial Office if you are required to attend.

**Wednesday 26 September**

9.15am **Mathematics Sessions with Professor Christopher Tout in Seminar Rooms 3 & 4**

11am **Computer Science with Mathematics Sessions with Professor Christopher Tout in Seminar Room 3 & 4**  
These sessions are by invitation only.

**Thursday 27 September**

9.15am **Mathematics Sessions with Professor Christopher Tout continue in Seminar Rooms 3 & 4**

11am – 1pm **Portable Electrical Testing in Seminar Room 1**  
All personal electrical items need to be safety checked by the College. Maintenance staff will be available to complete an initial visual check and provide advice if further action is required. Please have electrical items available for checking.

3pm - 6pm **Language Assessment Course in the Tizard Room**  
Dr Rupert Brown, Study Skills Tutor, will run a language assessment course for overseas freshers. You will be informed by the Tutorial Office if you are required to attend.
Friday 28 September

9.15am  **Mathematics Sessions with Professor Christopher Tout continue in Seminar Rooms 3 & 4**

**Overseas/non-EU Immigration**
All overseas/non-EU nationals MUST present their passports and biometric card/visa to the Tutorial Office for scanning as part of UK points-based immigration, if you have not already done so. Passports and biometric residence permits/visas may be collected again from the office in a few days’ time.

You should do this as soon as possible after you arrive, and no later than seven days after arrival. The Tutorial Office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.

Saturday 29 September  All new students (‘freshers’) must arrive by 3 pm

10.30am - 3.30pm  **Registration in the Buttery**
All students are required to register and sign the University matriculation list, to pay their Advance Deposit of £1500 plus the amount of Michaelmas Term fees not covered by a student loan or grant.

Home and EU students should bring a copy of their Financial Assessment notice, if they have not already sent it in advance, showing their personal contribution for the year. Overseas students should already have paid a full year’s fees in advance. All students should also bring with them the signed first two pages of their room licence. You will **not** be able to collect your room key until you have registered.

**Your room will be available from 11am onwards**

10.30am – 3.30pm  **Portable Electrical Testing in the JCR Games Room**
As indicated above all personal electrical items need to be safety checked by the College. Maintenance staff will complete an initial visual check and provide advice if further action is required. Please have electrical items available for checking.

11am onwards  **Student Meet and Greet**
The JCR Committee and current students will be near the Hepworth statue (look out for the gazebo and the pink t-shirts!) to welcome you and answer any questions you have. **Free tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be available.**

11am – 2pm  Lunch will be available in Hall for students, parents and carers (payment by cash). The College Bar will be open all day, serving drinks and snacks.

2pm – 4pm  **Tutors Available to Meet Parents**
The Senior Tutor and colleagues will circulate in the main Concourse to answer any parental queries over coffee and tea.

5pm  **The Senior Tutor’s Welcome in the Wolfson Hall**
All Freshers to meet in the Wolfson Hall for a **compulsory** short introductory talk.
5.30pm  
**JCR Committee Welcome**
The JCR Committee will welcome you to Churchill following the Senior Tutor’s Welcome Talk.

6pm  
**Meet Your ‘College Parents’**
Following the JCR Committee Welcome, meet your College ‘parents’ outside the Wolfson Hall. You will dine with them in Hall before going on a pub crawl or taking part in some games in College, your choice.

**Sunday 30 September**

9am  
**Breakfast in Hall with the JCR Committee (optional)**
If you’re up bright and early, join members of the JCR Committee for breakfast in the Hall.

10.30am – 12.30pm  
**Sustainability Talk and Consent Workshop**
Meet in the Wolfson Hall for a talk on Sustainability by the JCR Green Representative and a *compulsory* consent workshop with the JCR Welfare Team.

From 12.30pm  
**Barbeque in Hall/Outside if weather is good!**
Tickets will be on sale at £3.50 each from the Hall and the bar. Vegetarian options will be available. Self-service lunch will also be available in Hall.

2.00pm – 2.30pm  
**Understanding Subconscious Bias in the Wolfson Hall**
A *compulsory* workshop led by the Senior Tutor.

2.30pm – 3.45pm  
**Academic Session in the Wolfson Hall**
This important *compulsory* session will be introduced by the Senior Tutor. Freshers’ will then split into subject groups with the relevant Directors of Studies.

4pm  
**Hill Colleges’ Garden Party**
There will be music and entertainment all afternoon. It’s a good chance to meet some people from nearby colleges (Fitzwilliam and Murray Edwards). This will be on the Hepworth Lawn, on the grassed area between the JCR Games Room and the Hepworth statue. If the weather is wet the party will be held in the Buttery.

4pm – 7pm  
**Tutor Meetings**
Some Tutors will meet their freshers’ at this time, or alternatively on Monday from 10am onwards. It is very important that you check the Tutorial Office notice board in the main Concourse for your appointment time; this will also be sent to you by email.

6pm  
**Dinner in Hall (informal)**

7pm – 9pm  
**Churchill Casino**
Try your hand at Churchill Casino (not for real money!) outside the Wolfson Hall and in the Bevin Room.

**Night out: Sunday Life (Kuda)**
Monday 1 October

9am **Compulsory Breakfast Meeting in the Hall and Staff Introductions**
Continental breakfast in Hall for all freshers with the Senior Tutor, members of staff and the JCR Committee.

10am onwards **Tutor Meetings**
Tutor appointments with freshers continue. Check for your time on the noticeboard or check your University emails.

10am **Library Tour for Archaeology, Architecture, Classics, History, History and Politics, Law**
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

11am **Library Tour for HSPS, PBS and Philosophy**
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

Noon **Library Tour for AMES, Geography, Linguistics, MML and Music**
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

1.30pm **Freshers' Photograph at the Front of the College**
All freshers to line up in reverse alphabetical order before going to the main steps at the front of the building for the photograph session.
Smart dresses, jackets and ties for men, equivalent for women.

2.15pm - 4.15pm **Safety Talks in the Wolfson Hall**
All Freshers meet in the Wolfson Hall for compulsory talks led by the Domestic Bursar to cover aspects of fire safety, personal safety and cycling safely in Cambridge.

3.30pm – 6pm **Tutor Meetings**
Tutor appointments with freshers continue. Check for your time on the notice board as well as your email.

4.30pm **Library Tour for Economics and English**
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

6.45pm – 7.30pm **Meet the Master**
Please meet your Tutor in the Buttery who will escort you, in groups, to the Master’s Lodge to meet the Master, Professor Dame Athene Donald, and her husband, Dr Matthew Donald.

7pm onwards **Reception in the Cockcroft Room**
After you have met the Master you will be taken through to the Cockcroft Room where you will sign the Matriculation Book. Pre-dinner drinks will be served.

7.30pm **Matriculation Dinner in Hall**
Smart dress: jackets and ties for men, equivalent for women.

9pm **Churchill PAV - Wear it like Winston**
Head to the Bar after Matriculation Dinner for the first PAV of the year. Come dressed as your subject and you may receive a prize…
**Tuesday 2 October**

**9am**  
Library Tours for Physical Natural Sciences (including ChemEng via NatSci), surnames beginning with A – L  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

**10am – noon**  
**Directors of Studies Appointments**  
These appointments may be scheduled at any time from now on over the next couple of days. Freshers should find individual times on the tutorial notice boards and/or their Cambridge email.

**10:30am**  
Library Tours for Engineering (including ChemEng via Engineering)  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

**11am – 1pm**  
Registration with Huntingdon Road Surgery in the Tizard Room  
A registration session with a local medical practice. You are required to register with a Cambridge GP while you are a student and this is an opportunity to register with one of the nearest surgeries. You may of course enquire in the Tutorial Office for details of other local surgeries.

**11.30am**  
Library Tours for Physical Natural Sciences (including ChemEng via NatSci), surnames beginning with M - Z  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

**2pm**  
**Gym Induction Session**  
To be able to use the gym it is necessary to have been inducted – your Camcard will not work on the doors otherwise. If you can't make one of the group sessions then you can email the Gym Society President (em659@cam.ac.uk) to arrange a private induction.

**2.15pm**  
**Engineering Freshers**  
Registration, photograph at the Department of Engineering as well as a tour of the Library and Dyson Centre, and purchasing drawing equipment and calculators.

**3pm**  
**Men’s Football**  
A trial session on the top field – your chance to get involved in Churchill Sport. Open to all abilities.

**3pm**  
**Library Tours for Computer Science**  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson

**5pm – 7pm**  
**Boat Club Barbeque on Jock Colville Lawn**  
If you are interested in rowing or coxing during your time at Cambridge, join the Boat Club for a barbeque. You will be able to sign up here for the Try Rowing Day on Sunday 7 October.

**8pm onwards**  
**JCR Pub Quiz**  
Meet in the bar for the first JCR Pub Quiz of the year.
8.30pm – 11pm  **LGBT+ Predrinks in 15J/Glitterbomb**  
Meet in 15J for drinks, snacks and the chance to get to know one another before heading down to Glitterbomb later – one of the biggest and busiest gay nights! As always, everyone welcome.

**Wednesday 3 October**

9.15am – 11am  **Engineering Freshers' Introductory Lecture**  
Compulsory lab briefing for engineers in Lecture Theatre 0, Engineering Department.

10am – noon  **Economics Freshers**  
Compulsory induction for all economists in Room LG17 in the Faculty of Law 10 West Road. This will include an optional tour of the Marshall Library from noon onwards.

10.30am  **Library Tours for Biological Natural Sciences**  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

11.30am  **Library Tours for Medicine and Veterinary Sciences**  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson.

2pm  **Gym Induction Session**  
To be able to use the gym it is necessary to have been inducted - your Camcard will not work on the doors otherwise. If you can't make one of the group sessions then you can email Gym Society President (em659@cam.ac.uk) to arrange a private induction.

2pm  **Library Tours for Mathematics**  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson

3.30pm-5pm  **Emergency Life Support training (Club Room)**  
*Medical/veterinary students only.* Compulsory for medical students and optional for veterinary students.

4pm – 5pm  **Library Tours (all subjects)**  
If you were unable to attend a library tour with your subject group, this is another opportunity to learn how to use the library with the College Librarian, Mrs Annie Gleeson. Meet in the Bracken Reading Room foyer

7pm - 9pm  **Churchill College Societies’ Squash**  
Keen to try something new at university? Go the main Concourse and take a look at the many clubs and societies on offer at Churchill. Sign up to whatever you like!

*Night Out: Wednesday Cindies (Ballare)*
**Thursday 4 October**  Lectures Start

7pm  **Churchill Engineering Welcome Social**  
Befriend engineers from across the years at our pub quiz and optional bar crawl. The first social of the year is not to be missed!

8pm  **Film Night in the Wolfson**  
Relax after the first week by watching a film for free. You can buy some popcorn at the bar!

**Friday 5 October**

7pm  **JCR Social**  
Join the JCR Committee in the bar for a catch-up. Free snacks available!

**Night Out: Friday Life (Kuda)**

**Saturday 6 October**

11am  **Gym Induction Session**  
To be able to use the gym it is necessary to have been inducted - your Camcard will not work on the doors otherwise. If you can't make one of the group sessions then you can email Gym Society President (em659@cam.ac.uk) to arrange a private induction.

7pm – 9pm  **Badminton Society Introductory Session**  
At St Lukes Barn. For those who do not want to go straight to the venue, there will probably be two groups leaving from College. Leaving at 6.30pm for walkers and 6.40pm for cyclists. Shuttles and rackets are provided, but it is helpful if people bring their own rackets if they have one.

**Sunday 7 October**

**Try Rowing and Coxing Day**  
Try out sessions as arranged at the Boat Club Barbeque on Tuesday 2 October

**Monday 8 October**

10am – noon  **Drop-in reading list surgery (Seminar Room 1)**  
Library staff will be on hand to help with finding books and articles on your reading list, navigating the library catalogue, accessing ebooks and other online resources, and any other questions you have.

5pm  **FemSoc (Tizard Room)**  
Come along to the first FemSoc event of term – it will be a relaxed chance to get to know other feminists in college/find out a bit more about what feminism is and ask any questions. We’ll have snacks!
**Tuesday 9 October**

10am – noon  **Drop-in reading list surgery (Seminar Room 1)**  
Library staff will be on hand to help with finding books and articles on your reading list, navigating the library catalogue, accessing ebooks and other online resources, and any other questions you have.

**Wednesday 10 October**

2pm – 3.30pm  **Engineering Freshers’ Study Skills Session**  
Lecture Theatre 0, Engineering Department

**Sunday 14 October**

11am  **Meet at the Porters Lodge for a tour of the grounds and gardens.**

**What to do next...**

Freshers’ week might be drawing to an end, but don’t forget that, while your work is very important, you need to make time to relax as well. Plan your time and don’t get behind, but the start of work doesn’t mean the end of fun! Find yourself a balance and you’ll have an incredible first year at Churchill, but don’t panic if you aren’t having fun the whole time. Everybody feels down at times, especially in a difficult environment like university. If you ever feel frustrated and alone then please don’t keep it to yourself: drop an email to one of the Welfare Team and they’ll bring you a hot drink and a friendly word or nine.

So: welcome to Churchill. You’re about to embark on the greatest journey of your life so far. And it may or may not be filled with journey-related clichés.

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“Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.” Sir Winston Churchill, Speech in November 1942.