Welcome to Churchill College!

I’m Patrick, a third year law student 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. 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 devised a survey for you to complete. You can access it on the JCR’s website (jcr.chu.cam.ac.uk) under the parenting tab.

If you’re on Facebook, we recommend you join two Facebook groups: ‘Churchill College Official Freshers 2017’ 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!

Patrick Deady, JCR President
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.

Daniel Fernandes, VP and Secretary (ddf22)
I’m Daniel, a second year engineer. My role involves attending College meetings, including College Council and implementing your suggestions on how to improve the JCR. I take minutes at all JCR meetings and send out a fortnightly newsletter publicising events and opportunities in College and the wider university.

Ashley Brice, Treasurer (atb41)
I’m Ashley, a third year Nat Sci. I oversee the JCR’s budget and manage all our accounts. I’m also responsible for allocating funds to College clubs and societies.

Kyle Da-Cunha, Domestic (kd390)
I’m Kyle, a third year chemical engineer. My goal is to make Churchill a ‘home away from home’. I’m responsible for making sure catering, accommodation and laundry provisions are up to a respectable standard. Please let me know of any issues! I sit on a number of College committees where I can raise your thoughts.

Stella Swain, Equal Opportunities (ss2403)
I’m Stella, a second year English student. I chair the Equality & Opportunities Committee which seeks to reduce inequalities at Churchill. We meet regularly to discuss proposals regarding equality in areas from
sexuality and gender to race and ethnicity. More information can be found on page 5.

**Comrie Saville-Ferguson, Ents Executive (cs885)**

I’m Comrie, a second year English student. I’m in charge of the JCR Ents Subcommittee which is responsible for organising entertainment events in College. We organise superformals (formal hall, DJ, live music, silent disco - basically a mini-ball but cheaper) once a term and regular film and TV nights in the Wolfson.

**Ben Tatman, Green (bt350)**

I’m Ben, a second year Nat Sci. I represent the College’s Green Impact Team on the JCR Committee. The Team comprises people throughout College who implement policies to make College greener. Currently, we’re running an organic waste scheme. Do get in touch if you want to get involved.

**Katt Weaver, Access & Academic Affairs (kw446)**

I’m Katt, a third year PBS-er. I work with the College’s Schools’ Liaison Officer to help widen and diversify access to Churchill. Currently, we’re focussing on increasing the number of applications to College from women. I also sit on College committees which focus on academic affairs, including the Library Committee so let me know if you’ve got any complaints or suggestions.

**Kieran Heal, Equipment & Societies (kph26)**

I’m Kieran, a second year Nat Sci. I’m responsible for all the JCR’s equipment, which includes sports gear, and the JCR bikes which you can hire for free from the Plodge if you’ve discovered at the last minute that your bike’s got a puncture, I also coordinate correspondence between societies and the JCR.

**Joe Malt (jsm84) and Anirudh Sharma (as2659 ), Computing**

I’m Joe, a second year Comp Sci and Computing Officer along with Anirudh. Our role is to maintain the JCR website and the JCR’s parenting/marriage system.

**The Welfare Team: Matthew Kwasigroch, Men’s Welfare (mjk76); Ellen Fox-Davies, Women’s Welfare (ejf53); Jorge Garcia Condado, International Welfare (jg811); and Flic Kersting, LGBT+ Welfare (fmgk2)**

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 mindfulness yoga sessions, dog therapy and, of course, free food events. We can provide free sexual health provisions (condoms, lube, femidoms, dental dams and pregnancy tests) on request - you can message us via email or 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!
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. 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.

Bikes
Bikes can be stored in the College bike sheds but you must register your bike at

Hall - opening times
Lunch: Mon - Fri: 12:15-13:45
Saturday Brunch: 11:00-13:45
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
the Porters’ Lodge. A bicycle repair van visits College at least twice 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, Sam Buckton (contact music.sizar@chu.cam.ac.uk).

Laundry

There are three 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!

Equality & Opportunities Committee

Last year saw the formation of the Equal Opportunities Committee which is responsible for improving the representation of minority groups in College. The committee is chaired by the Equal Opportunities Officer who also sits on the JCR committee; Stella Swain is this year’s officer. The committee comprises 12 co-opted representatives who each have a specific responsibility in respect of 12 identified minority groups, which are: race and ethnicity; gender; age; sexual orientation; disability; mental health; freedom of speech, belief and religion; and access. The committee is federated with the Middle Common Room (MCR), postgraduates studying at Churchill.

The committee organises events and coordinates campaigns within College. A highlight of Lent term was the JCR’s International Women’s Day event. The event included a talk by Natalie Adams, Senior Archivist, on the Centre’s recent research on women’s contribution to the College.

If you would like to get involved in the committee’s work, don’t hesitate to email Stella at ss2403@cam.ac.uk.
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.

Varsity Ski Trip 2017

You may be interested in joining over 3000 other Oxbridge students this December in the Alps for a week of snow, après-ski and chart-toppers - all in one package that includes transport. Whether you’re a complete beginner or looking to perfect your skills, it’s a great opportunity! This year’s College rep is Arthur Leichthammer (achl6).

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, very much a Churchill night-out!).

Theatre

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

Patrick Deady, JCR President - 07469 932601 - pd421
Ellen Fox-Davies, JCR Women’s Welfare Officer - 07503 177703 - ejf53
Matthew Kwasigroch, JCR Men’s Welfare Officer - 07944 622414 - mjk76
Flic Kersting, LGBT+ Welfare Officer - 07546 305178 - fmgk2
Jorge Garcia Condado, International Welfare Officer - 07706 694868 - jg811

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 30th September**
- 11 am - Student Meet and Greet  
- 5 pm - Senior Tutor’s Welcome (Wolfson Hall)  
- 5.30 pm - JCR Committee Welcome (Wolfson Hall)  
- 6 pm - Meet your College Parents  
- 7 pm - Pub Crawl or Games in College

**Sunday 1st October**
- 9 am - Breakfast in Hall with the JCR Committee (optional!)  
- 11 am - Consent Workshop (Wolfson Hall)  
- 12:30 pm - BBQ for £3.50  
- 2.15 pm - Academic Session (Wolfson Hall)  
- 4 pm - Hill Colleges’ Garden Party at Murray Edwards College  
- 7 pm - Pub Crawl or Games in College

**Monday 2nd October**
- 9 am - Compulsory Breakfast Meeting (Hall)  
- 1.30 pm - Freshers’ Photograph (Porters’ Lodge)  
- 2.15 pm - Compulsory Safety Talks  
- 7 pm - Matriculation Dinner  
- 9 pm - Churchill PAV

**Tuesday 3rd October**
- 12 pm - Boat Club BBQ

2 pm - Gym Induction Session  
8 pm - JCR Pub Quiz and Live Music in the Bar  
9 pm - LGBT+ Predrinks in 43P then Glitterbomb

**Wednesday 4th October**
- 2 pm - Gym Induction Session  
- 7 pm - Societies Squash (Main Concourse)  
- Night out: Wednesday Cindies (Ballare)

**Thursday 5th October**
- 4 pm - Ultimate Frisbee Introductory Session  
- 7 pm - Churchill Engineering Welcome Social  
- 8 pm - Film Night in the Wolfson - *Pride* (2014)

**Friday 6th October**
- 7 pm - JCR Social (bar)  
- Night out: Friday Life (Kuda)

**Saturday 7th October**
- 11 am - Gym Induction Session  
- 11 am - Netball Introductory Session  
- 3 pm - Cake and a Catch-up  
- 5 pm - Feminism 101 with FemSoc  
- 5.30 pm - Badminton Society Introductory Session

**Sunday 8th October**
- 10 am - Try Rowing and Coxing Day  
- 1 pm - Orchestra on the Hill