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 26 September**

**Pre-sessional Programme for Overseas Students begins**
See International Freshers’ Week Programme  
Tuesday 26 September – Friday 29 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.

**Thursday 28 September**

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.

1pm - 4pm **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 29 September**

**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 30 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 in advance, showing their personal contribution for the year. (See information on CamTools from the Bursar). 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.*

**All Day**  
**Photo Booth**  
*There will be a photo booth outside the Games Room (or inside if the weather is bad) where you can take photos to remember your first day at Churchill.*

**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 – 3pm**  
**Free Toasties!**  
*Churchill’s Christian Union will be giving out free toasties in the bar to any of you who have just arrived and are feeling a bit peckish, everyone is welcome! You can also pop round for a chat if you find yourself at a loose end during the day.*

**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 1 October

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.

11am – 12.45pm  Consent Workshop
Meet in the Wolfson Hall for a compulsory 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.

2.15pm – 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 in Murray Edwards College
There will be music and entertainment all afternoon. It’s a good chance to meet some people from nearby colleges (Fitzwilliam and Murray Edwards). Meet in the bar at 4pm to walk over together.

4pm – 6pm  Natural Sciences Study Skills Sessions
in the Sixties Room, Cowan Court
Study skills and revision session for all natural science students, chemical engineers via Natural Sciences and Computer Science students taking a natural science option. Bring paper, pens, calculators, mobile devices (laptops, phones, tablets etc).

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!

Monday 2 October

9am  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.

Noon  Natural Sciences Freshers
Meet in the Jock Colville Hall where Directors of Studies in Natural
Sciences will make short presentations, followed by 20 minute question time.

Introduction Dr Lisa Jardine-Wright
Biology of Cells } Dr Adrian Barbrook
Evolution & Behaviour }
Physiology of Organisms }
Chemistry Dr Katherine Stott
Computer Science Dr John Fawcett
Earth Sciences Dr Morag Hunter & Dr Neil Davis
History & Philosophy of Science Dr Rune Nyrup
Materials Science Dr Xavier Moya
Physics Dr Lisa Jardine-Wright

1pm – 1.30pm Dr Katherine Stott’s and Dr Adrian Barbrook’s Students
Please stay behind in the Jock Colville Hall if you have any further questions regarding your course choices.

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
All Freshers meet in the Wolfson Hall for compulsory talks by the Domestic Bursar, Maintenance Manager, Fire Brigade Liaison Officer and representatives from CU First-Aid Society.

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

5pm – 5.30pm Dr Jardine-Wright’s Students
Director of Studies Meeting in room IB
Natural Sciences Students whose Director of Studies is Dr Lisa Jardine-Wright and whose surname begins with A through to M.

5.30pm – 6pm Dr Jardine-Wright’s Students
Director of Studies Meeting in room IB
Natural Sciences Students whose Director of Studies is Dr Lisa Jardine-Wright and whose surname begins with N through to Z.

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.
Tuesday 3 October

8.30am – 1pm  **Natural Sciences Freshers**  **Collection of Chemistry Course Materials from the Chemistry Department in Lensfield Road**
You can visit anytime between 8.30am – 1pm or 2pm – 4.30pm to
• collect practical manual
• collect lecture handouts
• purchase ‘standard university’ calculator (£14) and lab coat (£10) and safety glasses (cash only).

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

9am  **Library Tour for Physical Sciences, 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.

9:30am – 10:30am  **Dr Jardine-Wright’s Students – Finalize Subject Choices**  **In the Bevin Room**
All Dr Jardine-Wright’s students must attend to sign off on their final subject combinations for Natural Sciences in preparation for the production of timetables.

9:30am – 10:30am  **Dr Katherine Stott’s Students – Finalize Subject Choices**  **in Room 6B**
All Dr Stott’s students must attend to sign off on their final subject combinations for Natural Sciences in preparation for the production of timetables. Come early if you have any remaining questions!

9.30am – 10.30am  **Dr Adrian Barbrook’s Students – Finalize Subject Choices**  **In Room 2K**
All Dr Barbrook’s students must attend to sign off on their final subject combinations for Natural Sciences in preparation for the production of timetables. Come early if you have any remaining questions!

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 – 11am  **Meeting about the Computer Science Option for Natural Sciences**  **In IC**
Meeting for those planning to take the Computer Science option to find out more from Dr John Fawcett.

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 Tour for Physical Sciences, 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.

**Noon – 2pm**  **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 8 October.

1pm  **Men’s Football**
A taster session on the top field - your chance to get involved in Churchill Sport - come along and see what you think.

**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 Adam Rochussen (amr80) to arrange a private induction at another time.

4pm – 6pm  **Natural Sciences Study Skills Sessions in the Sixties Room, Cowan Court**
A further study skills session for all students taking Natural Sciences options (i.e. Chemical Engineering and Computer Science). We will work together on the problem sheets and questions set in the previous session.

6.15pm – 7.15pm  **Natural Sciences Freshers in Jock Colville Hall**
Meeting for Natural Scientists taking Maths for Natural Sciences (A or B) in Jock Colville Hall.

8pm onwards  **JCR Pub Quiz and Live Music**
Meet in the bar for the first JCR Pub Quiz of the year followed by some live music.

8.30pm – 11pm  **LGBT+ Predrinks in 43P/Glitterbomb**
Meet in 43P 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 4 October**

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

11am - noon  **Natural Sciences Freshers**
**Physics Welcome and Introduction**
Pippard Lecture Theatre, Cavendish Laboratory
Introductory lecture and practical registration for all students planning to take Physics as one of their options.
Noon – 1pm  Meet Physics Supervisors in the Cavendish Laboratory  
Seating area is just outside the Pippard Lecture Theatre, Cavendish Laboratory. Students taking the Physics option have a chance to arrange supervision times for the term.

1.15pm  Computer Sciences and Natural Sciences Students taking Material Sciences in the Buttery  
Meet supervisors in the Buttery to arrange supervisions for the term.

2pm - 3pm  Natural Sciences Briefing – For Bio Combinations  
Bristol Myers Squibb Lecture Theatre, Lensfield Road  
Natural Sciences compulsory induction for all those taking two from  
- Biology of Cells  
- Earth Sciences  
- Evolution of Behaviour and  
- Physiology of Organisms

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 Adam Rochussen (amr80) to arrange a private induction at another time.

2pm onwards  Punting  
Walk down with your friends and pilot a punt with Scudamore’s. By taking your student card and saying you’re at Churchill, you’ll get a reduced rate.

3.15pm – 4.15pm  Natural Sciences Briefing – for Non-Bio Combinations  
Bristol Myers Squibb Lecture Theatre, Lensfield Road  
All physical Natural Sciences students MUST attend (i.e. all those NOT taking two or more biological options)

4pm – 5pm  Library Tours for Biological Sciences & Medical and Veterinary Science Subjects  
Meet in the Bracken Reading Room Foyer to learn how to use the Library with the College Librarian, Ms Annie Gleeson

4.30pm – 6pm  Final Natural Sciences Study Skills Sessions  
in the Sixties Room, Cowan Court  
Final study skills where we will prepare for the term by making sure supervisions are arranged and weekly schedules are organized, rounding off with any questions about revision material.

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!
**Thursday 5 October** Lectures Start

**All Day**

**Chujazz Auditions**
If interested, please contact Joe Westwood (jgw31) in advance to find out if there is a vacancy for your instrument.

**4pm – 6pm**

**Ultimate Frisbee Introductory Session**
Meet on the field for a chance to get involved in Churchill’s Ultimate Frisbee Club.

**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 the film ‘Pride’ (2014) for free. You can buy some popcorn at the bar!

Inspired by a true story. In 1984, a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists raise money to support the families of the striking National Union of Mineworkers in a tiny mining village in Wales. As the strike drags on, the two groups discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all.

**Friday 6 October**

**All Day**

**Chujazz Auditions**
If interested, please contact Joe Westwood (jgw31) in advance to find out if there is a vacancy for your instrument.

**7pm**

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

**Night Out: Friday Life!**

**Saturday 7 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 Adam Rochussen (amr80) to arrange a private induction at another time.

**11am**

**Netball Introductory Session**
Meet at the Netball Courts at College for a welcome session to the Netball Society.

**3pm**

**Cake and a Catch-up**
As Freshers’ Week draws to a close, join the JCR Committee for some free cake. College parents welcome too!
4pm – 6pm  **Ultimate Frisbee Introductory Session**  
Meet on the field for a chance to get involved in Churchill’s Ultimate Frisbee Club.

5pm  **Feminism 101**  
An introduction to FemSoc at Churchill and a chat about the basics – what feminism is, why it’s relevant and the importance of intersectionality. Come along if you’re interested, everyone welcome.

5.30pm – 8pm  **Badminton Society Introductory Session**  
Meet at the Porters’ Lodge at 5.30pm to head down to the University Sport’s Centre for a 2 hour session with the Badminton Society in the University Courts.

**Sunday 8 October**

**From 10am**  **Try Rowing and Coxing Day**  
Try out sessions as arranged at the Boat Club Barbeque on Tuesday 3 October.

1pm - 4pm  **Orchestra on the Hill**  
Join OOTH in the Music Centre Recital Room: OOTH is a non-audition orchestra that combines student from all the Hill Colleges. A chance to make great music and great friendships. This term’s repertoire includes Schubert’s Symphony No. 8 and Brahms’ Requiem.

**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.