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.

**Wednesday 27 September**

9.15am  **Mathematics Sessions with Dr Paul Russell in the Sixties Room, Cowan Court**

11am  **Computer Science with Mathematics Sessions with Dr Paul Russell**  
These sessions are by invitation only.

**Thursday 28 September**

9.15am  **Mathematics Sessions with Dr Paul Russell continue in the Sixties Room, Cowan Court**

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

9.15am  **Mathematics Sessions with Dr Paul Russell** continue in the Sixties Room, Cowan Court

**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 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.

**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 – 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.

10am 
Library Tour for Archaeology, Classics, History and History and Politics
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, MML, Geography 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, English and Law
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**
Head to the Bar after Matriculation Dinner for the first PAV of the year.

**Tuesday 3 October**

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 Tours 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.

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**
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 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.
2.20pm **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 **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

4pm **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

4.30pm – 6.30pm **Engineering Freshers’ Welcome in the Tizard Room**
Gather in the Tizard Room to meet the other Churchill engineers. Activities, including a competition, plus food and drink will be provided by Churchill College Engineering Society.

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**

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.

10.30am **Library Tours for Biological Science**
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 Adam Rochussen (amr80) to arrange a private induction.

2pm – 2.45pm **Economics Freshers**
Tour of Marshall Library for all economists.
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.

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

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 (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.

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.

Wednesday 11 October

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

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.

**Patrick Deady** (JCR President) jcr-president@chu.cam.ac.uk

**The Welfare Team**

**Ellen Fox-Davies** (Women’s Welfare) jcr-womenswelfare@chu.cam.ac.uk

**Matthew Kwasigroch** (Men’s Welfare) jcr-menswelfare@chu.cam.ac.uk

**Felicity Kersting** (LGBT) jcr-lgbt@chu.cam.ac.uk

**Jorge Garcia Condado** (International Officer) jcr-international@chu.cam.ac.uk

“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.