CHURCHILL.
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Prospectus
Churchill College’s motto is ‘Forward’. We look to the future, not the past. Regularly ranked among the top Cambridge colleges in terms of examination results, and with over 30 Nobel Prize winners to our name, our academic reputation is exceptional.

We have the largest college campus in Cambridge, with outstanding on-site sporting and recreational facilities, some of the best and most affordable student accommodation, and an active and truly diverse community of nearly 800 students and over 200 Fellows (academics).

Each year we seek to recruit and select the brightest, hardest-working and highest-achieving students, from every social background across the UK and from all around the globe. The education we provide is world class. Join us.

For more information visit www.chu.cam.ac.uk

“From the moment you walk in it feels open and friendly. You just feel really comfortable here. I mean, this is home.”

Cat, Classics undergraduate
About Churchill College

Our founder, Sir Winston Churchill, envisaged a science- and technology-focused community, yet our large size means that arts and humanities students are as numerous here as in many other colleges.

Today we value our distinctive identity as a ground-breaking college, with unusually large cohorts of postgraduate students and Fellows. We are proud of our tradition of accepting significant numbers of students from under-represented and international backgrounds, and older students with families. Churchill is an eclectic educational and social community in which students and teachers alike represent a diversity of cultures and heritages. This diversity is integral to the College’s mission of reaching out to the wider world – in academia, education, technology, business, the arts and politics.

“How would I describe Churchill? Inclusive, friendly and forward-looking.”

Professor Dame Athene Donald
Master, Churchill College
Churchill College in numbers

- **485** Churchill undergraduates
- **350** Churchill postgraduates
- **200** Churchill Fellows (academics)
- **30+** Churchill Nobel Laureates

- 30% Arts
- 70% Sciences
- 25% non-UK undergraduates
- 70% non-UK postgraduates
- 75% of UK undergraduates are state-educated

Our facilities at a glance

- Largest college campus in Cambridge
- Exceptional quality accommodation
- Art studio
- On-campus undergraduate rooms for all years
- Rooms for postgraduates in years 1 and 2
- Affordable and transparent rents
- Excellent library and IT facilities
- On-campus sports facilities
- Music studio for performance, practice and recording
- Churchill Archives Centre
- 300-seat theatre/cinema

Distances by bicycle

- **5 mins** University Library
- **7 mins** Cambridge city centre
- **16 mins** Cambridge train station

- West Cambridge science buildings
- Arts and humanities departments
- University Sports Ground
- College boathouse
Student accommodation

Churchill has some of Cambridge’s best and most affordable student accommodation. Unusually, all undergraduate rooms and the majority of postgraduate rooms are on campus. We have first-rate facilities for disabled students.

Undergraduate rooms

These are of exceptional quality: modern, spacious, light and warm, with free wifi. Over 40% of our rooms have private bathrooms. The remainder have excellent shared bathrooms. All rooms have access to communal kitchen and laundry facilities. Rents are set in consultation with student representatives, bearing in mind our key objectives of affordability and choice. Published rents include everything other than electricity and meals consumed. There are no fixed or hidden charges.

For more information visit www.chu.cam.ac.uk/undergraduates/accommodation

Postgraduate rooms

Churchill has among the best postgraduate housing in Cambridge – especially for partners or families. Postgraduate students are accommodated in their first and second years, mostly on campus, and those accompanied by their families can be housed throughout their course. Postgraduate accommodation is mainly in shared houses or family flats with their own gardens and communal facilities – including a children’s playground.

For more information visit www.chu.cam.ac.uk/postgraduates/accommodation

**Key features**

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“Rooms are amazing — large and with beautiful wooden floors. My favourite features are the big window seats, which are great when you have people around.”

 Emma, Engineering undergraduate
Living at Churchill

With exceptional on-campus facilities, Churchill College is a vibrant hub of activity.

Campus
We are close enough to the centre of Cambridge to enjoy a city location, but far enough out to experience the huge benefits of space, quiet and greenery. Located next to the University’s West Cambridge science campus and the new University Sports Centre, we are also within easy reach of the University Library and arts/humanities faculties.

Facilities
Churchill’s facilities include an all-day bar/coffee shop, on-campus sports pitches, courts and gym, a boathouse, a 300-seat theatre/cinema, a music recital room (complete with rehearsal and recording facilities, a Steinway grand piano and Rubio harpsichord), an art studio and a postgraduate common room and bar. Our Dining Hall caters for a wide range of dietary requirements. Food choice and quality are excellent. Meals are affordable and most students eat regularly in Hall.

Non-academic life
An active student body, a wide range of clubs and societies, and a calendar of College social events provide many opportunities to meet new people and make lasting friendships. Most activities and events are organised by the undergraduate and postgraduate student unions. Making decisions democratically via open meetings, these are dynamic bodies with great community spirit. Student representatives participate in all of the College’s key decision-making committees.

For more information visit
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/campus-facilities

Key features

| Just outside the city centre |
| Departments/Faculties close by |
| Excellent on-campus sports facilities |
| Music and art studios |
| 24/7 library |

“People get here and then their background just becomes immaterial. That’s one of the things that I think is so lovely about this place.”

Lizzie, History undergraduate
Teaching, learning and welfare

Churchill students achieve outstanding academic results. The College works hard and carefully to recruit and select highly-motivated students of the greatest intellectual potential, and does its very best, once they are with us, to provide them with excellent guidance and support.

Undergraduates
- Undergraduates are provided with a College Director of Studies (DoS) who steers and facilitates their learning and develops their academic potential. All DoSs are experts in the subjects whose studies they direct. A great many are also world-class research academics.
- DoSs arrange undergraduate supervisions - the weekly, small-group tuition that characterises Cambridge undergraduate teaching and learning.
- At Churchill we pay above the standard rate to many of our supervisors in order to obtain the best supervision for our students, and closely monitor the effectiveness of tuition.
- Our welfare team includes pastoral Tutors, a Nurse, a Counsellor, Study Skills Tutors and other colleagues.
- Both the Directors of Studies and welfare team are led by the Senior Tutor who is responsible for all educational and welfare matters.

Postgraduate students
Postgraduate students are supported by our postgraduate Tutors – whose role encompasses both academic and welfare matters – and by Mentors from among the Fellows. We are especially focused upon ensuring that all reasonable academic expectations on the part of our postgraduates are met by the University’s faculties and departments.

“Certainly in my subject Churchill has some of the University’s best teaching Fellows. After an hour with them you really understand the course; no mean feat with Part IB Thermodynamics!”
Richard, Physics undergraduate

Costs and financial support

Living costs for Cambridge students are lower than in almost all competitor universities.

UK undergraduates
- For UK undergraduates, Cambridge fees are identical to those charged by most other English, Welsh and Northern Irish universities.
- The Cambridge Bursary Scheme is the UK’s biggest, providing UK undergraduates whose families have lower incomes with substantial support.
- Churchill provides significant supplementary support to many lower-income students via additional bursaries funded by alumni donations. A number of these are focussed on women in science; Supplementary bursaries are mostly awarded after students have commenced their studies at Cambridge.

International undergraduates and postgraduate students
For international undergraduates and for postgraduate students, fees are internationally competitive. Funding opportunities provided by both the University and external sources are explained on the University website. Some funding is Churchill-specific. Please see the College website for details.

Financial support
Key costs for all students are kept low:
- Accommodation is competitively priced. Local transport costs are virtually nil.
- Exceptional library provision means that few students need to buy books.
- Sports, music, drama and other extra-curricular activities are either free or very low cost.

Extra help: Financial support is available in cases of unforeseeable hardship. We award grants to aid travel and study and other opportunities and activities.

Useful websites
Financial support for undergraduates
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/undergraduates/finance

Financial support for postgraduates
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/postgraduates/finance
Applying to Churchill College

If you are among the brightest, hardest-working and highest-achieving students in your school, college or university, and if your teachers or lecturers support your application, you are likely to be a serious candidate. We strongly urge you to consider applying to Churchill.

How should you prepare?
The best way to prepare any application is to do as well as you can in your present studies, read around your chosen subject outside the curriculum, and revise thoroughly before any admissions assessments and interviews. At interview, listen and think carefully – and have the confidence to be yourself and tell the truth as you see it.

Useful websites
Application information for undergraduates
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/undergraduates/apply
www.cam.ac.uk/courses
Exploring your subject
www.myheplus.com
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/subjectexplore
Application information for postgraduates
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/postgraduates/apply

How will we select?
We will consider your application holistically and with care, taking into account all available information about your academic ability and that of other candidates:
• We will prioritise achievement in public examinations among the various indicators provided by the Cambridge admissions process. Your exam results are proven to be the best and most reliable indicator of future potential and we would be fools to ignore them.
• We will contextualise your results against your educational and personal background and pay particular attention to what your teachers or lecturers say about you in their references.
• If we ask you to sit an admissions assessment we will use the results circumspectly alongside the other elements of your application.
• If we call you for interview, we will seek to test your core knowledge and intellectual aptitude via a series of carefully constructed, interactive, subject-focused, problem-solving exercises or questions.

Who are we looking for?
We seek to admit students who are:
• Strongly interested in their chosen subject.
• Committed, very hard-working and able to cope with pressure.
• Curious, logical and imaginative independent learners.
• From a great diversity of backgrounds.

Churchill College Open Days
A College Open Day is a great way to gain a sense of what Churchill is really like. We have both all-subject and subject-specific College Open Days.

What happens on a Churchill College Open Day?
During the day you will have the opportunity to:
• Meet those who live here, who will share with you their experience of studying here.
• Look around the College campus and see our accommodation and facilities.
• Find out more about courses and entry requirements.
• Have conversations with current students and an Admissions Tutor or some of our Fellows and Directors of Studies.
• Learn how to make a strong application.
The College is also open to visitors on University Open Days.

Useful websites
Churchill College Open Days
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/opendays
Cambridge University Open Days
www.cam.ac.uk/opendays
Useful contacts

Undergraduate Admissions
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Postgraduate Admissions
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For school, college and individual visits
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