

Self-Guided Tour Audio Guide Transcript

1) Postgraduate office (Concourse)

The Postgraduate Office at Churchill College, Cambridge, is located near the main entrance and serves as a central hub for postgraduate support. Open weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm, it offers guidance on academic matters, welfare, and life in Cambridge, helping students navigate their studies and access resources across the College and University.

2) Buttery

The Buttery provides hot and cold drinks, snacks and light meals like sushi, sandwiches and pizza. It's a space used for socialising as well as studying during the day, and in the evenings there are often events here. This includes things like Open Mic nights, Churchill Jazz Band performances, or it can become a dance floor. Typically it's where people come for a drink before a Formal Hall takes place. Formal Halls happen in the Dining Hall, where we'll go next, up the stairs opposite the Buttery.

3) Dining Hall

The Dining Hall is the biggest of all the Cambridge Colleges. Meals are available here 7 days a week, with subsidised rates for students. Eating together is a big part of Cambridge life, although there are snack kitchens available in our accommodation. There's a range of hot food choices available at lunchtimes and dinner, plus a salad bar. Regularly throughout term, Formal Halls are held. These are very reasonably priced 3 course meals where everyone dresses up, and can bring their own wine if they want. It's a bit of an occasion, and sometimes themed formals are organised by the MCR, for Christmas, for instance. The MCR represents the undergraduate student body, and also organises a lot of social events.

Heading back down the stairs and then turning left, and left again we can walk through the double-doors to the libraries.

4) Libraries

As you enter the Wolfson Hall, you will come face to face with the first of Churchill College's two main libraries. The Bracken Library is downstairs and is science-focused, while the Bevin Library is upstairs and has an arts and humanities focus. However students are welcome to work wherever they wish. If you continue to the right as you face the Bracken Library, you'll come to the Wolfson Theatre, which has a capacity of around 300 seats and often hosts events. As we move upstairs, you'll pass the library office where our friendly librarians are on hand to help. There is also a computer room and printing facilities near the Bevin library. For students whose mobility prevents them from going upstairs, we can put processes in place for them to access the resources. The Bevin Library itself is generally a little more relaxed in atmosphere than the Bracken, with sofas and armchairs as well as desks and chairs.

As we leave this building, we turn right to follow the path round to the Churchill Archives Centre and Jock Colville Hall.

5) Archives Centre / Jock Colville Hall

Entering through the main door takes us into the Jock Colville Hall, which is another space used for events, lectures and similar. Up the stairs, or via the lift, we find the Archives Centre. The Reading Room is available for up to 8 researchers, or students, to book per day. Here you can access the many unique historical resources held in its collections. The Archives Centre is a world-leading collection of 20th Century history containing a wide-range of documents by more than 570 political, military & scientific luminary figures from the Churchill era and beyond.

6) Gym

The gym is free for all students to use. The buildings adjoining the Gym are the Music Centre and the Moller Institute Study Centre. The Moller Institute features the distinctive octagonal white tower which you can see to your left as you face the Gym. The Gym itself has a range of equipment from rowing machines, to cross trainers, weights and more. All students need an induction before first use, but are then free to use the gym facilities as they wish.

7) Sports fields and courts

With the Gym behind us you can see the sports fields, courts and outdoor gym equipment. Churchill College students take part in a range of sports teams, and we are well served here with basketball and tennis courts,

cricket and football pitches, as well as the dance and yoga studios and squash courts near the entrance. Churchill College is well provided for with student clubs, with over 30 spanning interests including sports, arts, sciences and subject interests – we also host university clubs such as the drone society, who make use of the space we have available. If you follow the path in front of the Gym towards the Moller Institute, it will take you all around the perimeter of our site, around 700m, which is a popular route for runners. Facing the gym again, we now head down the right hand side of the building towards the Music Centre.

8) Music Centre

Based on-site, Churchill College's purpose-built Music Centre features a recital room, a practice room, a large recording studio, and a fully-equipped control room. It is equipped with a Steinway grand piano, a Rubio harpsichord; an additional piano, keyboard, bass guitar and amplifiers, and College drum kit. Regular recitals take place in the Music Centre during term-time, showcasing the talents of students as well as visiting musicians.

9) Møller Institute

The Møller Institute is a world-class leadership development and conference centre located within our grounds. It was established in 1992 and provides space and context for bespoke programmes in leadership, strategy, and innovation.

10) Wolfson Flats / Accommodation

All first year Postgraduate students are offered accommodation, and students in their second and third years can apply to live in College rooms. Churchill College differs from most other colleges due to the proximity of its Postgraduate accommodation to the main college site and its facilities. We have various types of rooms and flats including ensembles, studios, maisonettes, and rooms in houses with shared facilities. Wolfson flats are some of the best provision for students with children and partners in the University, with 45 flats and maisonettes next to a children's play area. If you walk a little further up Churchill Road, you'll find 36a, b and c Storeys Way, postgraduate accommodation with shared kitchens and communal areas. Bondi House, Broers House and Hawthorne House are a little further down. Each of these 10 ensuite bedrooms for postgrads, a laundry room and a large kitchen/sitting room. We also have other postgraduate houses on Storeys Way, whose gardens are open to all students to use.

11) Gardens

Churchill College has 50 acres of grounds, and you will have seen some of the space and beautiful environment we enjoy. Crossing the road to enter the gardens, we find a quiet space with benches for students to sit and work or enjoy nature. There are also allotments where students can grow things, and a small greenhouse for them to get plants started. The large greenhouse is our Orchid House, where students can visit our extensive orchid collection. Students can also help themselves to the fruit of our orchards, and if you continue to your left as you entered the gardens, you'll find our beehives, which produce honey which we sell in our Buttery each year.

Leaving the garden, continue down the footpath towards the entrance, and take a right at the Staff car-park to find the Bill Brown Creative Workshops.

12) Bill Brown Creative Workshops

The Bill Brown Creative Workshops include makerspaces where students can come and use 3D printers, laser cutters, vinyl cutters, woodworking tools, arts and crafts material, as well as virtual reality equipment, digital design software, and photography backdrops. Students are encouraged to get hands on and try things. It also includes an exhibition space where you can browse the latest artistic displays.

Just past the Bill Brown Creative Workshops, as we head on towards the main entrance, you'll find our next stop.

13) Squash Courts & Dance studio

The entrance to our squash courts and dance studio is through the door on the left, just before you reach the steps down to the front lawn. Yoga also runs in the dance studio, and students are free to book and use these spaces. As we continue past the Squash Courts, we return to the main entrance, and the Porters Lodge. If you have further questions about the College, please visit the Info Desk. We hope you have enjoyed your self-guided tour.