



Trinity Hall MCR

College Life:
A User's Manual

A Forward

Welcome to Trinity Hall!

The Trinity Hall Graduate Society - more commonly referred to as the MCR (short for Middle Combination Room) - is home to around 300 students from all corners of the world. We're a friendly, diverse group of senior undergrad, MPhil, and PhD students, as well as Postdocs. We're thrilled to welcome *you* as the newest members of our close-knit community.

The MCR boasts two spacious, cosy rooms at Central Site, reserved exclusively for MCR members. A favourite hangout for many members, the MCR is frequently filled with students—chatting over a cup of tea, curling up with a book, or relaxing over the TV and computers. Pop in, kick back, and make yourself at home.

The MCR Committee - comprised of over twenty dedicated volunteers - is committed to making MCR life meaningful and memorable for all members. Committee members are always on hand to lend a supportive ear or to put on a smashing social 'do'. Approach us anytime with questions, suggestions, or just a bit of banter.

While you're settling in and soaking up the splendour of Cambridge, take a moment to flip through this booklet. It provides an insider's view on life at Tit Hall. Enjoy!

Wishing you a fabulous Freshers' Fortnight and a fun and fruitful year,

Matthew Samson

MCR President 2014-2015

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Your MCR Committee



President

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The President chairs MCR committee meetings, appoints officers, attends College's Governing Body on behalf of the MCR, and generally represents and works for the interests of MCR members. He is a good point of contact for general questions about College or any problem you might be having. If he can't answer it himself, he can always refer the matter to someone who can.



Vice President

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The Vice President assumes all presidential duties whenever the President is absent. Additionally, he manages MCR locker and gown rentals. Feel free to contact him about lockers and gowns, and indeed anything else that does not fall squarely within the remit of any of the other officers.



Treasurer

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Third in the line of succession, the Treasurer manages the MCR accounts. He prepares the budget and reports to the committee on financial matters. He is the point of contact for MCR finances, reimbursement for MCR expenditures and issues relating to College rents and meals.



Secretary

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Perhaps the most vital attendee at any MCR meeting, the Secretary maintains the official record of all decisions made by the MCR. She records votes, writes minutes, and distributes them to the student body. She also acts as a stand-in Treasurer, should the Treasurer be absent for an extended period. She also circulates regular news bulletins to the MCR. The Secretary should be contacted for all matters regarding the public MCR record.



Academic Officers

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The Academic Officers' main role is enriching the academic lives of the MCR. This involves coordinating study sessions and running the annual McLuhan symposium. They also represent the MCR on library matters and decides on MCR magazine and paper subscriptions. Do contact them about any academic issues you are having.



Computing Officers

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The Computing Officers maintain the MCR email lists and website. They can also advise you on computer-related issues and tell you where to get help. They represent the MCR on matters relating to computing availability and access. They also keep in close contact with college IT.



Entertainment Officer (Internal)

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The Internal Ents Officers organize social events inside the College for MCR members. As you can imagine, this is a very important job! These 'internal ents' include parties, bops, wine tastings, movie and nights etc. Do contact the Internal Ents Officer if you have any ideas for or want to help out at our next function.





Entertainment Officer (External)

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The External Ents Officers represent the College in the broader University-wide social networks. He coordinates dinner exchanges and other events between colleges. His main job is to bring MCR members in contact with grads from outside of Trinity Hall. If you have any ideas for or wish to help out with the next function then please send Victor an email!

**LGBT+ Officer**

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The LGBT+ Officer is here to promote equality in the College and University no matter what your sexual orientation. He provides support for lesbian, bisexual, gay and trans-gendered MCR members and can be your point of contact for issues of harassment or sexual-orientation-based discrimination.

**International Officer**

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The International Officer organizes and promotes events for international members of the MCR. The annual Eurovision Night is a particular joy! Do contact your International Officer with any problems you may have regarding your international status as well as with any harassment or discrimination issues you are facing based on your nationality.

**JCR Graduate Representative**

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The JCR Graduate Representative is, as the name suggests, the MCR representative to JCR meetings. The Graduate Rep reports on JCR issues that concern that are pertinent to the MCR, and vice versa. The role is pivotal in building relations between the two student bodies in the Trinity Hall and enhancing the overall sense of community in College.

**Steward**

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The Steward is one of the most important jobs of any in the MCR Committee... Rob is in charge of all the food and drinks that keep the college well-watered during grad, super and formal halls. For example, he arranges your sherry and port for grad hall and matches delicious wines to each of your courses during formal hall. He also keeps the kitchen stocked with coffee, tea, milk and bread throughout term times. Do contact the Steward if supplies in the MCR are running low.

**Welfare and Disabilities Officer**

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The Welfare and Disabilities Officer represents the MCR in the University-wide welfare and disabilities networks. Dan is available to talk confidentially about issues such as childcare, financial support, accommodation, physical, mental and sexual health, drugs and disabilities. You should not hesitate to contact him about anything!

**Women's Officers**

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Working closely with the Welfare Officer, the Women's Officers are your point of contact for all women's issues. They are here to promote the equality of women in the College and the University as a whole. Contact them for issues related to sexual harassment or gender-based discrimination.

How to get in touch with us and how we get in touch with you

When you join the MCR you are automatically subscribed to two email mailing lists: the 'official' list and the 'chat' list. The official list is for the use of College staff, the MCR Committee and the McMenemy Seminar coordinators only, and is relatively low traffic. The chat list is for emails advertising social events, formal halls, paid research experiments and the like. Any MCR member may post to the chat list with emails containing information or requests that are likely to be of interest to our community. It is also possible to unsubscribe from the chat list. The full mailing list rules (as well as details of how to change your subscription options) can be found on the MCR website—please do take the time to read them before posting! In addition, you may also be subscribed to more specific mailing lists – for dual JCR/MCR members, permanent resident partners, post-docs, etc. – which will be used primarily for College and MCR Committee communications.

Before emailing a query (be it to a committee member or the entire MCR), you may find it more expedient to simply check the MCR website. The main page contains a constantly updated calendar of events organised by the MCR, and the links on the sidebar give you access to a number of pages containing useful information about Trinity Hall and Cambridge in general. You can also find individual members' email addresses using the University's 'Lookup' service (<http://lookup.cam.ac.uk>).

First 24 hours

Arriving in Cambridge for the first time can be a dizzying experience with administrative bombardment from all angles. Below you will find the things we wish we had been told to do quickest when we arrived. We hope you find it helpful! First, do sign up to the MCR Facebook page. It is a great locale for useful informal discussion:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/279466435430811/>

And the Lord sayeth: '*Check your emails*'

I cannot stress how important it is to check your new *@cam.ac.uk* email as soon as you arrive. Virtually all contact you have with your department, the college and the MCR will be via email. You will miss a lot if you rely on just your pigeonhole. Most of you will have already activated your email accounts. If not, please do pop in during the Freshers' Week 'Drop In Hours' (in the Freshers' Week calendar that is also included in your orientation package), or contact the MCR Computing Officers – Phil and Christoph (mcr-computing@trinhall.cam.ac.uk).

Check out the MCR website

Head to www.mcr.trinhall.cam.ac.uk for all Tit Hall essentials. The site's maintained by the committee and updated regularly. You'll find a full events calendar, contact information, links to college sites, and plenty more.

Sign up for Grad Hall

Grad Hall is excellent, and often quick to fill up. Make sure you sign up. Dining events are typically posted around one week ahead of time, and sign ups close approximately two days before the event. The first grad hall of the year is on Wednesday, October 7 (sign ups close 12pm Monday, October 5). You can sign up using your Raven ID here:

<https://portal.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/mealbooking/index.php>.

Check your pigeonhole

You'll be given a pigeonhole for post in the college's central site Plodge, as well as one in Wychfield if you live there. Check your pigeonhole(s) regularly.

Get your computing needs sorted

If using a wired internet connection in Wychfield, log on to <http://signup.trinhall.cam.ac.uk> to register your computer. Visit <http://csg.trinhall.cam.ac.uk> for information on printing and other IT matters and <http://www.ucs.cam.ac.uk/wireless/eduroam/localusers> to configure your device for College- and University-wide wireless access.

In the MCR

As already mentioned, the MCR refers to the graduate common area as well as the graduate student body itself. The common room consists of two adjoining rooms: the Red Room (the one with the red walls and sofas) and the Blue Room (thankfully no longer actually blue). The latter also contains a kitchenette. These areas and their amenities are there for you to use, so please drop in as much as you like and make yourself at home!

In the Red Room, you will find computers connected to the university network (and of course, the internet). These require your Desktop Services password for access (you will be prompted to generate an account upon first access). The general policy on these machines is that if you are alone in the room, you may use them as long as you like; however, if there are other people waiting, please be courteous and remember that this isn't the time to beat your personal best at Candy Crush (yes, there's a desktop version!). The TV in the red room also offers the standard UK freeview channels (BBC, ITV, Channels 4 and 5, and many more).

The kitchenette attached to the Blue Room is open to all MCR members. It has a fridge, toaster, microwave, coffeemaker and teapot, as well as crockery and cutlery. Best of all, everything that is stored in the kitchen cupboards and fridge (unless it has someone's name on it) is there for you to enjoy, so please help yourself! This generally includes hot chocolate, tea, coffee, sugar, milk, bread and jam. The cupboards are kept stocked by your Steward - feel free to let him know if supplies run low. Washing up your dishes is your own job; if a mess accumulates in the MCR kitchen the communal dishes are liable to confiscation! You're also welcome to store your own (labelled) food in the fridge, but please remember to reclaim or dispose of it before it becomes something resembling a primary school biology experiment. Finally, whilst we do love to see people use the kitchen, please note that on Grad Hall evenings and Cocktail Nights, this area becomes a serving/bar area. On Cocktail Nights in particular you are asked to refrain from entering the kitchen whilst drinks are being served.

We also have a number of lockers located on site, which give you somewhere to store your belongings securely in college. If you so choose, you can acquire one at any time throughout the year from our Vice-President at a cost of £10 per annum. The MCR Drop In Hours during Freshers' Week are an especially good time to arrange locker (and gown) rental - consult the Freshers' Fortnight schedule for times.

Dining in college

If you were to sneak a peek into the college dining hall after 7.30pm, you would be likely to find a formal dinner of some description underway. MCR members are welcome to attend Hall on Wednesdays (Grad Hall is reserved for grads and their guests only); and, Thursdays and Sundays (Formal Hall, is for everyone in College). Then, of course, there are also intermittent super and formal halls. This is not to say you couldn't theoretically eat in college everyday: it is possible to have breakfast, lunch, and dinner at cafeteria in hall every day during term. A dining calendar can be found here:

<https://inthnet.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/information/catering/calendar/>. The myriad of dining options and their associated rituals can be confusing, so in this section we will attempt to answer some of the questions you might have about dining in college.

Grad Hall

What is it?

Grad Halls are the dinners that bring the MCR together once a week for an evening of socialising and other indulgences. These meals, which are partially subsidised by the MCR, are one of the most important parts of the college experience in Cambridge and are not to be missed!

Your ordinary Grad Hall experience will begin at 7pm in the MCR, where the Stewards will serve sherry. Shortly before 7.30pm, you will make your way to the dining hall. You may bring your own bottle of wine to dinner or buy one beforehand at the college bar. The wait staff will open your bottle for you as you enter the dining hall. There is no seating plan, so you may take a seat wherever you please. Dinner consists of three courses. Once dessert is finished, you may return to the MCR where your Steward will serve port, coffee and tea. As the supplies of port run low, many MCR members begin to drift over to the college bar for further (responsible) libation.

When is it and what should I wear?

Grad Hall takes place every Wednesday during term, except when it is replaced by the annual Fellows' and Graduate Students' Buffet, a black-tie dinner or superhall (*more on that below*). The dress code for Grad Hall is officially 'lounge suit'. This simply means smart-ish clothing (no jeans/trainers) plus gown. If you're unsure, just wear a suit and tie/dress.

I didn't like my lemon syllabub: what can I do?

Regurgitation is not your only option. You are cordially invited to evaluate your culinary experience at Grad Hall (as well as at Formal Hall or Cafeteria) using our Kitchen Comment System at <http://comments.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/>. Comments left are anonymous and will be published on the system, where they will then be read by the kitchen staff and discussed at the termly Kitchen Committee meetings.

Fellows' and Graduate Students' Buffet

Twice a year, Grad Hall is replaced by a buffet. Graduate students (sadly no fourth-years, postdocs or guests) are invited to the SCR (the Fellows' Common Room) for pre-dinner drinks, after which everyone proceeds to the dining hall for a buffet dinner. Because our attendance at this dinner is at the invitation of the Fellows, the meal is free (wine is even provided!). This is a lovely opportunity to get to know members of the SCR.

Super Hall

Once or twice a term grad hall will also be replaced by super hall. Super halls relax the grad hall dress requirements and instead encourage fancy dress. You should expect themed drinks prior to dinner and also a themed menu. Meals are slightly more expensive than regular grad hall to allow the kitchens more menu flexibility. In 2014/2015 we hosted our first Harry Potter Super Hall to much acclaim both within and outside of college.

Formal Hall

Formal Hall takes place every Thursday and Sunday during term. These formal dinners are similar to Grad Hall, but generally much quieter and less crowded affairs. This can be good for bringing guests (e.g., family members or colleagues from your department), but note that there is no sherry or port served around the meal in the MCR (nor is a subsidy applied). Here, as at Grad Hall, you may bring your own wine if you wish and gowns must be worn.

Formal Halls are open to JCR and MCR members alike. Do not be unduly disappointed by the Sunday Formal Hall billed as 'Formal Hall with Choir': this means the choir will be in attendance at the meal, not that they will actually sing for their supper in your presence.

Cafeteria

Trinity Hall it thankfully tends more towards the conventional than the creative. The cafeteria typically offers a choice of three main dishes (at

least one vegetarian) and a selection of vegetable sides, as well as some sort of starchy sustenance (potatoes/chips/rice/pasta). You will also find a soup and salad bar, and a variety of soft drinks, yoghurts, chocolate bars and desserts available. They do a mean cooked breakfast in the mornings, and are an easy option for food at lunchtime or in the evenings if you happen to be in college. Opening hours and daily menus can be found on the college intranet at www.inthnet.trinhall.cam.ac.uk. You pay for food with your university card, and it will be added to your college bill.

Black-tie dinners

The what and the when

Once or twice a term, Trinity Hall MCR members are invited to attend a black-tie dinner. In Michaelmas, these are the Matriculation Dinner (open only to new students and members of the MCR Executive Committee) and the Christmas Dinner; in Lent, the Burns Night Dinner and the End of Term St. Patrick's Day Dinner; and in Easter, the Annual Dinner and the Farewell Dinner. As is mostly evident from their titles, these dinners generally have distinct themes. At the Christmas Dinner, for example, guests are treated to Christmas pudding, crackers and carolling courtesy of the college choir. Each black-tie dinner is followed by a special event of some description, frequently a bop (or in Lent term a ceilidh, due to the Celtic influence that permeates this otherwise gloomy time of year).

As at Grad Hall, a black-tie dinner will consist of a three-course meal. However, unlike at Grad Hall wine tends to be served with the meal by the college wait staff and is included in the price unless you 'opt. This can be achieved by e-mailing the Stewards after you have booked your ticket. Not to worry though, the responsible Steward will send an email to the MCR reminding them to opt out of wine if they so wish at the appropriate time. Also unlike at Grad Hall, coffee and port will (usually) be served in hall by college staff and are also included in the cost of the meal. Port, it may be delightfully paraphrased, sits as lightly on a heavy meal as it does on your conscience. In the event that you are confronted by a decanter of it at a Cambridge dining table it *must* be passed to your left and *mustn't* touch the table (until empty).

Black-tie dress code

You are not allowed to wear gowns at black-tie dinners (except at Matriculation Dinner, where they are compulsory). In terms of the dress code, black-tie means a tuxedo and bow-tie, traditional national attire, evening dress or the equivalent.

Occasionally, black-tie dinners may have a 'fancy dress' code, where guests are invited to dress up in costume in keeping with the theme of the dinner

(as well as the general black-tie dress code). A case in point is the MCR's Annual Dinner in Easter term, which is assigned a different theme each year. Recent years have been 'Casino Royale', 'The Roaring Twenties' and 'Masquerade' themed.

Booking your formal dinners

Grad Hall Booking

You will book into all your formal dinners (Grad Hall, Formal Hall, and black-tie dinners) online in advance—the only exception to this rule is in the case of Matriculation Dinner, where college will do this on your behalf. Book at <https://portal.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/mealbooking/index.php>.

Booking for grad hall itself is fairly self-explanatory, but note that in order to book in you will need your Raven password. Booking also closes a few days before the meal—but if there are cancellations, a few extra tickets may become available up until the day itself via the 'Swap' function in the meal booking system.

In the course of making your booking, you will also be able to specify any special dietary requirements (vegetarian, no fish, gluten-free, etc). Note that you do not have to 'be' a vegetarian to request a vegetarian meal; if the vegetarian option listed on the menu appeals to you, it is perfectly acceptable to request it—but you must do so at the time of booking. Once seated in the dining hall simply inform the wait staff of your pre-specified dietary preferences and they will make sure you receive the correct menu.

Black-tie dinner seating plans

Black-tie dinners usually have seating plans. These are arranged a day or two in advance by the Stewards, once registration for the meal has closed. Black-tie dinners are extremely popular, and we recommend you book both your place at the event and then your seat as early as possible to ensure a place amongst your friends.

Note: This does not pertain to your Matriculation Dinner - rest assured that there is absolutely nothing you need to do connected with booking a ticket, choosing a seat, or anything else in order to be properly wined and dined on that evening (except informing college of any special dietary requirements). You simply need to appear in college at the designated time, and we promise the rest will take care of itself!

Guest policy

Guests at Grad Hall and Formal Hall

You may book up to three guest tickets online. For special occasions, you can request to book up to three more (for a total of six guests) by emailing Rachel Mortimer Holdsworth from the conference office at rl387@cam.ac.uk. Such extra guest bookings are subject to availability and approval by a member of the MCR Committee. Note also that guest tickets are not subsidised by the MCR.

Regular booking for college members and their registered permanent-resident partners opens every Thursday at 10am for Grad Hall. If you want to bring outside guests (e.g., non-registered partners, friends from your department or society), you will have to wait until 12pm Saturday to book their places. Bookings close 12pm Monday. There are similarly timed booking windows for other dinner events.

If you are a PhD student, college have generously agreed to fund a place for your supervisor at Grad Hall once a year. Take advantage of this opportunity to curry favour and invite them along!

Guests at black--tie dinners

Although black-tie dinners fill up quickly, it is occasionally possible for MCR members to book in external guests if places are still remaining when guest booking opens. The system is the same as for Grad Hall; however, due to the nature of the booking system and the existence of a seating plan for black-tie dinners, you will have to be quick to get a single block of seats for you and your guests!

Payment for meals in college

Whenever you eat in college you will not pay cash up front: rather, the meals you've consumed, as well as any guest tickets you've purchased, will appear as charges on your termly college bill. At Cafeteria, the staff will scan your University Card at the till. For formal dinners (Grad Hall, Formal Hall, or black-tie), you commit to pay the cost of the meal when you book your place.

Entertainment in college

'Ents' - the entertainment organised for you by the responsible MCR officers - are your primary source of fun and games in college.

Internal Ents

The flagship of the Trinity Hall MCR ents calendar is our annual garden party, which is on the last Sunday of May Week. We also organise numerous other ents throughout the year reflecting the cosmopolitan make-up of our community: cocktail nights; regular film nights; baking competitions; wine tasting evenings, barbecues, and more.

The Garden Party – traditionally held in Wychfield's leafy surrounds – is a wonderful afternoon which in recent years has been filled with bouncy castles, croquet, zorbing, endless flame-grilled meats (and vegetarian alternatives), and of course Pimm's cocktails.

Academic Ents

Every Wednesday before Grad Hall you are invited to attend or speak at the McMenemy Seminar. These talks, held by and for MCR members, offer you the chance to learn about the eclectic ponderings of your peers. Contact the McMenemy co-ordinator Martin (mgw39@cam.ac.uk) if you are interested in presenting. You will be rewarded for your efforts with two free tickets to Grad Hall and a bottle of wine. Do remember to check your email for presentation topics and updates on the venue.

Once a year, in Easter term, the MCR holds the McLuhan Symposium - a friendly forum for stimulating intellectual discussion within college. Each year a general theme is chosen (recent themes have included 'Motion. Movement. Travel', 'Memory' and 'Time'), which inspires a morning of informal presentations by MCR members, followed by a keynote address by a notable member of the academic community. Entertaining debate panels traditionally wrap up the event (e.g. 'Benevolent dictatorship is preferable to unstable democracy'). College kindly offers tea, coffee and snacks throughout the day.

External Ents

Not all your MCR ents take place on site in college. Your External Ents Officers will alert you to events organised by the university student's union (CUSU); and will pass on information about other College's events. They will also lead you on excursions throughout the year: to swaps with other colleges, club nights, and day trips to various oases of fun in Cambridge and the surrounding area.

Living in college

Many of you will be living in college accommodation – either, Bateman Street near the train station, or in one of the buildings at Wychfield (Herrick House, Launcelot Fleming, Walter Christie, or New Builds). Wychfield is located in West Cambridge, between Huntingdon Road and Storey’s Way, with entrances on both sides. The Wychfield Porter’s Lodge is located at the Storey’s Way entrance.

Bedders

The bedders clean communal areas (i.e., kitchens, common rooms, staircases) every day of the working week, and will also clean your room once a week. They should let you know which day they’ll be doing this.

Bed linen

You can rent college bed-linen (clean sheets and pillowcase every week, clean duvet cover every two weeks) at fixed termly fee (consult your orientation pack for more information). Whether or not you do this is entirely up to you; just remember that it’s an opt-out service, so you’ll have to return a laundry exemption form (attached in the email offering you college accommodation) if you’d rather have and clean your own stylish bed covers. If you do decide to opt out, you will still be charged a smaller termly fee for undersheets, duvets *etc.*, and also still have to pay another one-off fee for the privilege of having bed linen in your room upon your arrival (regardless of whether you’ve used it). Alas.

Laundry

Laundry facilities are housed at Bateman Street and in Wychfield, with machines located throughout the New Builds and in Boulton House (directly across from Walter Christie and Lancelot Fleming houses) available for use. A wash cycle is £2 and drying is £1. Clothes drying racks are provided in each house.

Guests

The college’s guest policy is somewhat complicated, so check the Red Book for the exact details. It can be found on the Trinity Hall intranet. In short, you are allowed guests in your room for a maximum of three consecutive nights but they must be signed in at the Porters’ Lodge (for fire safety). Please do not let this put you off inviting your friends over for a few days on the chance that they end up having to stay an additional night—college is generally quite understanding as long as you keep them informed and don’t have people staying over for weeks at a time.

Parties and Barbecues

The rather curious college rules state that you're only allowed to have parties on Friday and Saturday evenings; that they have to finish by 11.30pm and, even then, permission must be sought from the Graduate Tutors by way of an online booking form (<https://inthnet.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/bookings/event--booking--form.asp>). You must also use this form if you wish to organise a barbecue with more than 8 people in attendance. In the event you are fortunate enough to have only 7 friends on the guest list for your barbecue, you may book the barbecue directly through the Porters' Lodge. As ever, regulations can be found in the Red Book.

Maintenance

Things will inevitably break/need repair in your time here. If this happens, file a maintenance request (*more on this below*). Don't wait for someone else to do it even if the problem is in a communal area, as you may end up having to wait a long time for the problem to be serviced. You can lodge a maintenance request online, again via a portal on the Trinity Hall intranet.

When things go wrong

The porters should be your first port of call for anything that requires more urgent attention. They are also an invaluable source of random things you may find yourself suddenly requiring, such as a bicycle pump, repair kit, screwdrivers or a spare key/key card to your room. The porters are all trained in first aid, and have a comprehensive first aid kit at their disposal.

College facilities

The sports, music, computing and punting facilities are for all Trinity Hall members to use, regardless of whether you are resident in college accommodation.

Sports

The sports fields at Wychfield can be used for croquet, football, cricket etc. There are also multipurpose tennis/basketball courts beside the field. The Wychfield Sports Pavilion sits adjacent to these facilities and contains four sets of changing rooms (with lockers), a small kitchen, as well as a communal area with large tables and benches. This communal area also houses the table tennis table, which, along with ping-pong bats, can be taken out from the Porters' Lodge. It also houses two international standard squash courts, which can be hired free of charge from the Porter's lodge.

The Pavilion contains a gym with a running machine, two rowing machines, an elliptical cross-trainer, a step machine, a Swiss ball and some exercise mats. You can also bring your own CD's or hook up your phone/iPod. Note that you will need to do a gym induction at the start of the year in order to gain permission to access the gym. You will receive an email inviting you to sign up for gym induction early in term. The gym key may be signed out on a per-hour basis from the Porters' Lodge. If you desire a fully equipped gym, (i.e., with free/machine weights) you'll have to join a commercial one. There is a good one at the newly developed West Cambridge site

<http://www.sport.cam.ac.uk/facilities/CambridgeSportsCentre/>).

Music

There are three music practice rooms at Trinity Hall: the David Sheppard Room, the Old Porters' Lodge (both at Wychfield), and the Music Room at Central Site. There's an upright in the David Sheppard Room and a Kawai grand piano in the Music Room. To access any of these rooms, you will need to first join the Trinity Hall Music Society for the princely sum of £5 per annum. Members can then book the various rooms for up to two hours per day.

Computing

There are two computer rooms—one at Central Site (on the top floor of the Jerwood library) and another at Wychfield (above the Porters' Lodge). Both contain a good number of modern Windows/Linux PCs and a smattering of Apple computers; all on the University-wide "Desktop Services" system. There are colour (20p per sheet) and black and white (5p per sheet) printers in both rooms, as well as black and white printers in

both Porters' Lodges. All printers are connected to the University's Common Balance system: you can buy credit for this online to use with any participating printer (likely including those in your department). You will have a small amount of credit (£1) when you arrive to print essential documents. Full details, including how to top up, are available here: <http://www.ucs.cam.ac.uk/desktop-services/ds-print/paying-for-ds-print>.

There is additionally a well-hidden but well-supplied computer room on the ground floor of Launcelot Fleming House at Wychfield. It has three machines and a black and white printer. There is also a scanner in the Jerwood computer room. Finally, as mentioned earlier, there are three Desktop Services PCs in the MCR, which can be used for casual email checking, web browsing, printing and, invariably, thesis writing.

Punting

Trinity Hall has two punts that are available from May until mid-October; dawn until dusk (except during May Week when they may be taken out overnight) at a cost of £6 per punt per hour. They may be booked up to one week in advance through the Central Site Porters' Lodge.

Getting involved

MCR Committee

We would love to have you on the MCR Committee! We do wonderful College dinner events (e.g. 'Harry Potter Hall'), organise bops, garden parties and symposia, and work for the general good of humanity by doing fundraising, and advocating for equality (in all of its permutations) throughout College and the wider university. In 2014/2015 the MCR achieved Free Trade Status, campaigned for the removal of all gendered formal dress requirements and held an inaugural 'Bake Off' - the proceeds of which went to Comic Relief. The roles and responsibilities are many and varied, so chances are there is something for you!

Elections will be held in November, but you can get involved right away. If you're interested you can assume one of the positions that was vacated by a Committee member that graduated in the summer. In particular, we're keen to fill the vacant Green Officer's role, and could really use some help with Steward (helping to arrange and cater drinks for our College dining events) and External Ents (primarily arranging 'dinner swaps' with other colleges during Michaelmas). Take a look at the Committee page on the MCR website or come along to our first meeting in Michaelmas term to find out more!

Boat Club

The behemoth of sports in Cambridge, it is unlikely that you will last here very long before you are convinced to 'give it a try' and find yourself with seven other freshers in what seems like an unstable sliver of wood/carbon fibre, desperately hoping you won't find out first-hand whether there are eels in the Cam (there aren't; although there is a surprising amount of rat poo - please don't drink from the Cam). After a couple weeks, though, you will have to remind yourself to talk about something else -- anything else - around those who didn't follow you into the brave new world of stroke rates and split times.

Other societies

Within college

Trinity Hall is blessed with a goodly number of societies. The majority are run by undergrads, but they will obviously also welcome grads into their cabals. In addition to the vast number of sporting societies (football, netball, hockey, lacrosse, rugby, squash, tennis, etc.), there's the choir (a delightful option for those of you who are musically inclined), the Trinity Hall chapter of RAG (Raise and Give, the university-wide organisation

raising money for local, national and international charities), the Preston Society (for those interested in amateur dramatics at Tit Hall), and the rather intriguingly named Asparagus Club. You can find out about these societies by going along to the Trinity Hall Societies Fair in Freshers' Fortnight, or looking at the JCR's website. A particular highlight is the RAG blind date, which is an annual intercollege event that seeds a surprising range of budding romances.

And beyond

In addition to the Trinity Hall Societies Fair mentioned above, the CUSU-organised, university-wide Societies Fair will be held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of Freshers' Fortnight at Parker's Piece and the adjacent Kelsey Kerridge sports centre. It offers a fantastic opportunity to learn about the plethora of student societies active at Cambridge. Moreover, the freebies alone make it well worth a visit (gym bags, notepads, ballpoint pens, pizza, and other random essentials). Arrive early to avoid the queues. Most societies offer introductory sessions/meetings in the first few weeks of term, which you'll generally be able to attend before deciding to join.

Welfare

A wide range of pastoral care is offered by the university and college, simply schedule an appointment with the University Counselling Service (<http://www.counselling.cam.ac.uk>) or get in touch with the college nurse (tmc37@cam.ac.uk) or college counsellor (vce21@cam.ac.uk). The MCR Committee also has a number of welfare positions (Welfare Officer, Women's Officer, LBGT Officer and International Officer) to help with any difficulties you encounter. The Welfare Officer holds a weekly/fortnightly cakes session in the MCR, where you can come and hang out, and chat about anything that's on your mind.

If you need to talk to someone in confidence about any problems—personal, academic, or otherwise—your friendly college Peer2Peer supporters are there to listen. Look for posters around college or check out <http://www.ptp.soc.srcf.net>. You can also email Dan – the MCR Welfare Officer – for more information. The supporters also make it their mission to turn the MCR and college into a warm and fuzzy place for everyone. They will love to see you anytime, with or without reason!

In addition to these college-based student-run support networks, CUSU also a variety of additional welfare support, which can be found on their website. Finally, if you have any difficulties during your time here, remember that the college's Graduate Tutors (Dr. Bartels and Dr. Tokieda) exist specifically to look after graduate students, and will do whatever they can to help.

Medical needs

Overseas students on full-time university courses are eligible for medical care under the National Health Service (NHS). Be sure to register with a doctor on your arrival to Cambridge – simply phone up and schedule a quick visit to the surgery (aka: the doctors’ office). A full list of GPs— ‘general practitioners’ or family doctors — can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk>. College suggests that, although conveniently located, it has difficulty corresponding with Bridge St Medical Centre (to procure medical certificates, etc.) and thus recommends you seek an alternative doctor. For after-hours care, contact Cambridgeshire Urgent Care at 0330 123 9131 or, in case of a medical emergency, dial 999. Make sure you sign up early, because each doctor only has a limited number of registration spots.

Useful college contacts

Graduate Office | Katrina Perrin (kap48)

Email Katrina with any questions about administrative matters. Also contact her if you need to get in touch with the Graduate/Senior Tutors.

Accounts Office | Jacqueline Nathan (jn285)

For all queries concerning payment of your bill, contact Jacqueline.

Porters' Lodge | Martin Collis (mjc224)

Martin is the Deputy Head Porter. He can help you to sort out access to the various college facilities, solve first aid issues and direct you to the right college contact for whatever it is you want to do. You can email or speak to Martin (or any of the other Porters) in the plodge in person.

Buttery | buttery@trinhall.cam.ac.uk

Contact the buttery if you have any issues related to dining in college, or if you need to book more than three guests to a formal dinner.

Maintenance

Maintenance requests for the common areas and, more importantly, for your room (e.g. your windows need cleaning or your ethernet socket is broken) must be submitted at <http://service.trinhall.cam.ac.uk>.

This system covers all housekeeping, IT and general maintenance issues and should be your first port of call for any problems you might experience with a college room. You can also find the link under "Maintenance" on the Trinity Hall MCR website. Raven login is required. If you have a more general question, you may also contact the relevant department:

Housekeeping | Elizabeth Maksymowicz (em414) and Yvonne Chapman (ylc22)

Buildings and Services | Russell Waller (rjw98)

IT | Eric Marcus, David Shaw and Chris Jarvis (csg@trinhall.cam.ac.uk)

Conference Office

Inquiries about booking college rooms for guests or hosting a private dinner event are best directed at the conference office:

conference@trinhall.cam.ac.uk. Booking a college room/space for a private/society event can be done via the online system at <http://inthenet.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/bookings>.

Graduate Mentor

Upon your arrival to Cambridge you will be allocated a Graduate Mentor, who will arrange a time to meet you at the start of the academic year and maintain intermittent contact through the year. They should be available to give general and informal advice on matters relating to your academic pursuits. Further details about the Graduate Mentor Scheme can be found in the college information pack.

What to bring and what to acquire

Equipping yourself with the comforts of home in the comfort of your own room...

... is possibly not as good an idea as it sounds. Refer to the Red Book when purchasing or bringing household appliances for use in college accommodation. A contributing author once endured the tragic confiscation of a mini-fridge, and heartily wishes that others not be subjected to similarly traumatising experiences.

Household and kitchen appliances for those living in college: what you will need:

The kitchens all have hobs, ovens, microwaves, freezers, and fridges. You probably won't find a vast amount of empty space in the latter, so if you're driving to Cambridge it's best to resist the desire to accumulate a museum-worthy collection of regional cheeses along the way. All of the items in the above list are supplied and maintained by college, so if something goes wrong, please file a maintenance request online to have the fault repaired.

In addition to these items, you are likely to find that most, if not all, kitchens already contain toasters and kettles. Whilst these may belong to a particular resident, it is reasonably safe to assume that they are there for the communal good unless there is a notice to the contrary. We recommend asking a current resident to show you what is available for use in your kitchen upon arrival. We can tell you in advance that most (not all) people living in college accommodation tend to share their basic cooking items (with high-value items generally kept separately, for exclusively personal use).

There is also generally a supply of pots, pans, crockery and cutlery that has been passed into public service by previous residents throughout the college accommodation. Unless you are particularly averse to using things in less than pristine condition, you should be able to get by without bringing too many of your own cooking utensils. However, it will probably be much appreciated by your fellow housemates if you do contribute a couple items to the communal cupboards.

What to acquire, and where:

We have every intention of leaving it up to shop windows and beloved local retailers' mailing campaigns to cultivate your consumerist impulses. Furthermore, you will already have been provided with a basic list of Cambridge shops as part of the college information pack. If, however,

upon your arrival you happen to be in desperate need of a particularly obscure item, feel free to ask any of the MCR's sage old hands. If they're worth their salt, they will be able to tell you where you may acquire your gilded mousetrap or your great highland bagpipe (the answer is likely to be, 'there is a shop on Mill Road...'). In the meantime, the sole two items we recommend purchasing with some urgency once you're here are (1) a gown and (2) a bicycle.

Your gown

You will need this for matriculation (and graduation!) and various other occasions, such as grad hall. It is possible to rent MA gowns (the appropriate gown for graduate students) from the MCR. These cost £30 for the first year and £10 for each subsequent year (charged to your college account alongside a deposit of £60). The Vice President will be organising two sessions during Freshers' Week for gown (and locker) rentals. It is also possible to rent gowns from the **Graduate Union Shop**.

For those of you staying for a three-year degree, you may want to invest in your own MA gown. You can attempt to buy one directly from another student (often posted on the MCR Facebook page), or go to any of the retailers you will find listed in the college information pack. Ask in the shop about the possibility of buying a second-hand gown; many shops sell them both new and used.

Bicycle

Yes, you really will need a bicycle in Cambridge. Make sure you have working lights and bell (it's the law) and remember that you must follow the UK Highway Code (which includes not cycling on the pavement, or 'sidewalk' for those of you from across the pond). Rather inconveniently for Cambridge, you are also forbidden to cycle down a one-way street unless otherwise marked.

Proud new owners of bicycles must register them with college. This involves completing a form obtained at the Porters' Lodge and writing your college account number on the bike itself. If you don't know yours you can ask in the accounts office. The porters provide an appropriate range of permanent markers for the task. Unregistered bicycles found on college property run the risk of being culled, and the must be parked in designated cycle spaces.

Purchasing a bicycle

Station Cycles tends to have a value for money selection. It has two branches: the one located directly at the railway station is particularly good. The centrally-located branch at the bicycle park below the Grand

Arcade has a more limited supply, but is easily accessible. Both offer new bicycles at reasonable prices and often with student discounts. You can also try the centrally-located **Ben Hayward**, which offers a friendly and quick service although due to their prime location they are not particularly cheap. The small, independent **Cambridge Cycle Centre** hidden down Botolph Lane provides a quick turnaround at a fair price, and their knowledgeable mechanics are usually very helpful and polite. All of these shops also offer accessories and repair services.

The Bikeman has a stall at Market Square, and is often the first place new students will go to look for a used bicycle. Some might call the Bikeman a bike bandit, peddling at extortionate prices rusty objects illicitly dug up from a bicycle graveyard probably located somewhere outside Milton Keynes. We would obviously refrain from making such libellous statements.

Further afield at the Cambridge Retail Park, you will also find **Halfords**, a nationwide chain shop selling a wide range of bicycles. You can also order from them online.

Groceries

In your college information pack you will have found a list of supermarkets in Cambridge. We are happy to inform you that most of these supermarkets offer online grocery shopping with (in some cases free) delivery straight to your door or the Porters' Lodge — but make sure you're home when your groceries arrive so you can sign for them.

A UK mobile phone

Indulge all your talking and texting needs. International students can purchase UK phones and plans at one of the many mobile phone stores located across the city centre. Consider 'pay as you go' plans for infrequent use or enquire about contracts at any local shop. A variety of phone retailers also tend to set up at the CUSU Freshers' Fair.

Getting around

To and from Cambridge

Airports

Stansted is the closest airport to Cambridge and is easily accessible by bus or train. For travel to and from the other nearby airports (Gatwick, Heathrow and Luton), you'll have to either take a coach or go via London on the train (likely crossing the capital on the underground – which will become second nature for many of you during your stay).

Trains

It is definitely worthwhile procuring a **Young Person's Railcard** (for which you're eligible as a full-time student, regardless of your age) as it does offer significant discounts on full train fares. This can be done online, or at Cambridge train station. From Cambridge, you can travel direct to London, King's Cross (0h45 to 1h15 journey time) and London, Liverpool Street (1h10 to 1h20). There are also direct trains to Stansted airport taking 30 to 40 minutes. For full details, see <http://thetrainline.co.uk>.

Coach

National Express (www.nationalexpress.co.uk) operates from Parker's Piece and travels to destinations throughout the UK (and onwards to continental Europe). If you intend to travel a lot on National Express, it is worth buying a **Young Person's Coach Card** for discounted travel (this is distinct from the railcard).

In Cambridge

Bus

If you're feeling brave, you may decide to get on a local bus. There are a number of bus routes running from central Cambridge to the outlying villages. A notable route is the Uni4, which runs from Addenbrooke's Hospital to the West Cambridge Site via Homerton College, Trumpington Street and the University Library/Sidgwick Site. It only costs 70p per journey with your Uni Card. Unfortunately, there is no direct bus route from the train station to the Wychfield site.

Taxi

There are multiple taxi companies in Cambridge, but you will almost certainly end up becoming a regular customer of **Panther** (01223 715 715). You can book journeys in advance, and the rates are council-dictated (more expensive at night and on the weekend). There are taxi ranks located at the railway station, on St Andrew's Street and on Drummer Street. There are also night ranks at Market Square and on Sidney Street (opposite Boots).

Car

You may have been already been warned against bringing your car to Cambridge. Parking in the centre of town is sparse to say the least; and it is very difficult to secure a parking permit if you live in College accommodation.

Out and about

Food

Cafes

Auntie's Tea Shop Just off Market Square, famous for their all-day fried breakfast and wait staff attired in traditional maids' outfits.

Café de Paris Charming cafe on Mill Road selling a wide range of pastries and sandwiches.

Clowns Coffee Bar This unpretentious Cambridge institution has friendly staff and a large assortment of delectable pasta dishes.

Indigo Coffee House Very cosy and very central, with a breakfast bagel special. We love bagels. And this place.

Rainbow Cafe Priding itself on its friendly atmosphere, this Cambridge favourite was the winner of the UK Vegetarian Society's 'Best Vegetarian Café'. As you might suspect, it specialises in vegan and gluten-free dishes.

The usual suspects **Pret, Caffè Nero, Starbucks,** and **Costa Coffee** can all be found along or near Market Street (and in some cases elsewhere too). A newly-opened branch of **Patisserie Valerie** is located in the town centre to satisfy all your gâteau cravings. The **University Library** (affectionately known as the **UL**) also has a tea room, open during working hours on weekdays and in the morning on Saturdays.

Restaurants

Eating out in Cambridge doesn't have to be an expensive experience. Search online for 'Cambridge restaurant vouchers' to find some pretty good deals (e.g., two meals for the price of one). This is applicable especially to the chain restaurants (**Pizza Express, La Tasca, Prezzo, Giraffe, Strada, Bella Italia, Cafe Rouge...**) whose food usually ranges from quite tasty to delicious, even if it is generally rather unadventurous.

Student favourites

La Margherita This delightful Italian offers some great lunchtime deals and compensates for their mildly drab mains with some exquisite desserts (their home-made gelato is especially worth a try).

Mahal One of a multitude of curry houses across the city, this is the Indian restaurant of choice for a number of sporting societies. The food here is correspondingly bad but at least you can bring your own wine.

Gourmet Burger Kitchen You can almost always obtain a two-for-one voucher for this chain online. It offers exotically-christened burgers and chips with a view over Parker's Piece.

Teriaki Boasting lots of space and a convenient location, this Japanese restaurant offers everything from sushi to bento meals. You may also bring your own wine, although given the extortionate corkage charges you may as well buy theirs.

Thanh Binh This Vietnamese restaurant offers polite, friendly service and mouth-watering food at a very reasonable price. Free corkage for wine. A must-visit.

Posh nosh

Every so often, students are confronted with the difficult question of where to take their visiting relatives for dinner. Assuming this involves said relatives footing the bill, we recommend any of the following five fine dining establishments:

Alimentum Award-winning food, and recommended by the Sunday Times.

D'Arry's Gourmet delicacies with an excellent wine list.

Jamie's Italian Jamie Oliver has starred in over sixteen TV shows in the past ten years. He also founded this "affordable Italian" restaurant chain. Do book in advance!

Midsummer House Two Michelin stars and a gorgeous setting.

Restaurant 22 Awarded the Michelin Red M (Bib Gourmande) 2009 and a 2 in the Good Food Guide, with a wine list to please a discerning palate.

Not so posh nosh

Trailer of Life (aka Van of Life) A Cambridge institution. Frequented by such notables as the Missionaries, the Magpies and countless other drunken revellers spilling out from such esteemed Cambridge nightclubs such as Fez and Lolalo's.

Uncle Frank's (aka Van of Death) Despite the name, the fodder really isn't that bad. It's also cheaper than the Van of Life.

McDonald's If you don't know what this is yet, then we envy you.

Drink

The legal drinking age is 18 and drinking establishments (and indeed the supermarkets) are quite strict, so if you have the good fortune to look under 25 you will be asked to prove your age at some point. Also, don't forget to bring along ID when going out for drinks (passport or driving license – your university card isn't sufficient).

Pubs

Cambridge is truly teeming with public houses; however, they usually close come eleven o'clock. You shouldn't ever have to pay entry to a pub unless there is some special event on (and even then, it's very rare).

Central

Anchor With a patio area on the river at Mill Pond, this establishment offers prime seating for watching tourists make their first attempts at punting. The cuisine isn't bad either.

Granta Strategically placed near the Sidgwick Site, its terrace area has great views in the summer. Mediocre food.

Pickernel Great for people-watching. With open fireplaces, photos of various Cambridge societies and a heated outdoor patio area, it is a great watering hole, especially in the winter months.

Maypole Despite its location off the beaten track, the Maypole is always busy, always buzzing and open late on some nights. It is the MCR's favoured late-night destination.

The Regal Obligatory Wetherspoons, this megapub (bearing a vague resemblance to a cruise ship) has the cheapest drinks you'll find in a commercial venue in Cambridge. The vittles are similarly cheap, and all that comes with that.

The Eagle A somewhat touristy drinkery due to the supposed announcement of the structure of DNA within its confines, it boasts a nice courtyard and (despite the prices) is always busy. It was also the pub of choice for local RAF pilots during the Battle of Britain.

The Bath House Cheaper, slightly less nice version of the Eagle (no patio area, and no DNA).

Honourable mentions: **The Castle, The Mitre, The Mill, The Baron of Beef.**

Bateman Street/Mill Road

The Alma It offers a first-rate array of real ales and appetizing fare, and is a prime location for watching live sport.

The Kingston Arms Excellent grub, a multitude of ales and free wireless internet. Amust-visit.

The Cambridge Blue Friendly atmosphere, and a smorgasbord of real ales complimented by a comprehensive food menu: great place for a classic pub experience.

The Empress Voted Cambridge's Pub of the Year in 2010, this cosy public house sells a prime selection of well-kept beers and ales. It also hosts a wildly popular pub quiz every Tuesday, and offers a collection of board games for the rest of the week. But it's the large beer garden complete with sty for three living and breathing miniature pigs that secures this pub's status as a must-visit in your time here.

Honourable mentions: **The Elm Tree, The Cricketers, The Free Press.**

Wychfield

The Sir Isaac Newton. The closest pub to Wychfield. A favourite of the MCR football team and also good for live sport.

The Castle Inn. Really nice pub with choice food, two floors, a two-level patio garden and a selection of ales and beers. Friendly staff, scrumptious burgers and its convenient location halfway into town make it a regular haunt for Wychfielders.

The County Arms Its Victorian decor is somewhat nondescript, but this place is still a viable occasional alternative to the Castle. The only Everards real ale pub in Cambridge.

Bars

Ta Bouche Conveniently located on Market Passage with outdoor seating, it's perfect for an early drink in the afternoon, and usually fills up as the evening progresses due to its central location.

Revolution aka 'Vodka Revs' Buy a Revolution card at the start of the

year and it'll entitle to you some pretty good discounts throughout. Also hosts CUSU's LGBT+ Rendezvous club night.

The Vaults Happy hour 5pm–7pm, with two cocktails for £6.

Hidden Rooms A newcomer on the Cambridge bar scene, Hidden Rooms is located in the basement of the Pitt Club and has some fantastic drink deals throughout the week. Good for having birthday drinks because they'll usually be able to reserve you a 'VIP' area.

La Raza This underground bar hosts the GU-organised Lifted every Tuesday.

River Bar and Kitchen Tucked away behind Henry's Bar, you'll need to tread a wooden footbridge along the Cam opposite Magdalene and ascend some inconspicuous stairs to find this trendy restaurant-bar. The journey is worth it as the cocktail menu here is both original and palatable. They also take pride in serving the old classics—the martinis are especially worthy of consideration to the discerning patron.

Honourable mentions: **All Bar One, Bar Room Bar/The Cow, ADC Theatre Bar.**

College Bars

Almost every college has a bar, but they vary in price and quality. Notable establishments include:

St John's Bar Ridiculously cheap—you're supposed to be a college member (or the guest of one) to order drinks but we've never had trouble coming in off the street.

Emmanuel Bar This is a very studenty bar, and indeed it's student-run—the atmosphere is cheap and cheerful.

Darwin Bar Also student-run (and therefore good value), you have to be signed in by a Darwinian to be served any drinks, but once you've navigated this hurdle the comfy leather sofas and old-school decor make it well worth the effort.

Clare Cellars Our next-door neighbour's reasonably-priced and rather trendy bar. Set in the crypts below Clare Chapel and with excellent music, you won't regret dropping in here for a few. The adjacent Clare MCR offers 100+ whiskeys; a range to whet even the uninitiated palette.

Trinity Hall Bar Also underground with a nice and relaxed atmosphere. During the day it also operates as a coffee shop, serving sandwiches, nibbles, and sweets; all of which can be charged directly to your college account. Wendy (the barkeep) is open to suggestions about the drinks list and is a good person to keep on side if you plan on coming in often.

Entertainment

Cinema

All cinemas offer some form of student discount, so make sure to bring your University Card.

Arts Picturehouse Three screens. The Picturehouse offers a commendable choice of independent films and allows you to bring drinks purchased in their rather trendy bar into the cinema. They offer a yearly membership that is definitely worthwhile if you're an avid cinema-goer. A firm favourite.

Vue Cinemas Eight screens. Located in the less-than-lovely Grafton Centre. Now beginning to show its age, this multiplex offers the usual array of overpriced sugary products, blockbuster movies and screaming children. Despite this, it's not even cheaper than the Picturehouse.

The Light Cinemas Eight screens. Located in the Cambridge Leisure Park, this cinema is further away than the Vue but also considerably more pleasant. Also shows the usual selection of Hollywood output interspersed with the occasional artsy oeuvre.

For even more economically priced cinematic experiences, you can also try out some of the college-run film societies:

Trinity Hall Film Society This somewhat elusive society organises film nights, usually on Wednesdays during term. Unfortunately this means it clashes with Grad Hall.

St John's Film Society Showing a diverse range of films in the 250-seat Palmerston Room. Tickets may be had for the bargain price of £2.50. Check their website for their termcard.

Theatre

ADC Theatre The home of student theatre in Cambridge—thespians, this is your mothership. During term time there are usually two shows per evening, the main show (7.45pm) and the late show (11pm), although this may vary. The Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club and the Footlights (a very famous student comedy group) both call the ADC their

home. In addition, this theatre also hosts productions by various smaller college-based drama societies.

Corpus Christi Playroom The friendly student theatre at Corpus has been producing talent (for example Stephen Fry, who is a patron) for twenty-two years now. It is home to the Fletcher Players and well worth a visit.

Arts Theatre With its 666-seat auditorium, the Cambridge Arts Theatre hosts an eclectic programme of professional touring companies of various genres: dance, drama, opera and pantomime. You can often purchase student standby tickets on the day of the performance. There is a £2 booking fee on all listed prices, but this goes directly to the theatre itself.

Corn Exchange If you're a scientist of some description, you will probably be introduced to this venue through an incredibly dull series of health and safety talks and lectures. Fear not: the Corn Exchange is also a popular stop for nationally touring comics and theatre groups, and indeed has received awards for its arts and music programme, so be sure to check their listings.

Music

If you want to listen to some traditional/acoustic/live music, then Cambridge has a wealth of options for you—those listed below are a good start for following the musical trail...

Man on the Moon This friendly and welcoming pub is great for a drink, and its back bar also functions as a live, alternative music venue. Can sometimes —especially at the weekends—be overrun by teenagers.

Portland Arms Despite looking like a traditional pub from the outside, this cosy venue offers a diverse mix of up-and-coming bands on the Cambridge music scene. If you're into indie, electro or punk, or indeed a mixture of the three, then the Portland Arms may just be the place for you.

Corn Exchange Adding to the venue's varied list of functions and events, it also operates as a premier music hall, attracting some big names (recently it has seen La Roux and David Gray). It is also, less enticingly, used as an examination hall during Easter Term.

The Junction The Junction is Cambridge's alternative arts/cultural centre (the hipper, younger yet bigger brother of the Corn Exchange). With two generously-spaced floors and a huge outdoor (smoking) area, it hosts an eclectic range of events and gigs, including theatre, live music, dance, comedy and club nights. A bit of a trek (especially from Wychfield), but worth it for a good night out.

If the word 'music' summons visions of choirs, orchestras and conductors rather than rock'n'roll concerts and coke-fuelled raves, then be sure to check out the following.

Evensong Evensong in Cambridge is a remarkable experience that should not be missed. Comprising a sung Anglican liturgy in the late afternoon or evening, these choral services are free of charge in various chapels across Cambridge. Those of St John's, King's, Clare and Caius all come highly recommended.

West Road Concert Hall This purpose-built venue hosts three resident ensembles (The Academy of Ancient Music, Britten Sinfonia and The Endellion String Quartet), as well as countless concerts from various divisions of the Cambridge University Music Society. You'll usually spot posters affixed to gates and fences all around Cambridge informing you of upcoming concert events, although many of these will also take place in more intimate venues (e.g. In smaller college-owned spaces).

Clubs

Cambridge is not exactly the raving capital of the UK—for that you'll have to hop on the 45-minute train to London. However, it does have its fair share of fun/sticky/awful/cool clubs.

Fez Sandy brown walls, burgundy leather stools and multicoloured lanterns give this cave-like club a pseudo-Moroccan feel. It's actually quite expensive, but by the time you get here you'll probably be so inebriated you won't notice or care. Traditionally (if somewhat inexplicably) a popular venue for Tit Hall grads on a long night out.

Ballare Popularly referred to as Cindy's; think cheesy pop music and a random assortment of TV theme tunes, each played for no longer than 30 seconds and punctuated by shout-outs to various birthday parties/colleges/sporting societies. If the music doesn't entice at least the drinks are relatively cheap, and you have a good chance of "meeting" some undergrads, if that's your thing. A uniquely Cambridge experience — try it out at least once in your time here.

Lola Lo Cambridge's newest club aims for an 'authentic Polynesian vibe'. Occupying the old Soul Tree building, it is spread over four floors.

Other fun

Fitness

Fitness can be fun, too. A major sports centre for the whole university is now open at West Cambridge, not far from the Wychfield site. Gym membership is from £126 for the whole year; and, squash and badminton courts can be booked without membership for around £7 an hour. For full details see their site.

There is also the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre in the centre of town, which has gym facilities, fitness classes and a wide range of amenities (including a climbing wall). The University Centre's brand new Blue Fitness has cutting-edge training equipment and reasonable prices. The Glassworks health and fitness club is very nice but rather expensive, even with its student deals.

For those at Wychfield, there is also the Chesterton Sports Centre housing an indoor swimming pool—the gym facilities here are slightly more basic than the others mentioned here, but membership is also cheaper. The public swimming pools, Parkside Pools, are opposite Parker's Piece and next to the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre. Jesus Green Pool, one of the longest lidos in Europe, is open to the public from May to September. Don't forget Wychfield has a small gym, high-quality squash courts and playing fields.

Miscellaneous

Some MCR members have been known to enter the Fitzwilliam Museum (closed Mondays, except for Bank Holidays) for edification purposes and occasionally pleasure. The Botanic Gardens (free admission with your University Card) is also well worth a visit. In the winter, Cambridge on Ice erects a skating rink at Parker's Piece, usually open from mid- November until early January.

Take advantage of the constant stream of visiting intellectuals and interesting public figures during your stay in Cambridge. The **Cambridge Union Society** offers an impressive line-up of speakers, as well as a lovely building complete with bar and social areas that can be booked out by members.

Glossary of terms

Here, a guide to Cantabrigian lingo, including an abundance of entries inspired by the domestic manners of the graduate students of the College of Scholars of the Holy Trinity of Norwich (i.e. Us!).

Accounts office Pay/query your college bills here. Not to be confused with the Bursary.

ADC Theatre on Park Street.

Addenbrooke's Cambridge's major hospital and home to the med school.

Aula Bar Trinity Hall's college bar.

Bateman Street The elderly, 'basic' accommodation for Tit Hall grads located conveniently near the train station.

BBC 1. Bishop Bateman Court, where many undergrads reside. 2. British Broadcasting Commission – home of such classics as Top Gear and Sherlock.

BCD Boat Club Dinner is the termly occasion for boaties to shed (or at least conceal) their gimp suits and get royally sozzled.

Bedder The cleaning staff in college accommodation who will empty your bin daily and vacuum/clean your room once a week.

Black Tie dress code involving bow-ties, white shirts and dinner jackets, or the equivalent.

Blue Awarded for those participating in the university's first team for certain sports. See also: *Half--Blue*.

Blue, Cambridge The colour commonly used by sports teams of the university. Officially defined as Pantone 557.

Blue, dark The colour used by the sports teams of the Other Place. See also: *Blue, Cambridge*.

Blue, light See: *Blue, Cambridge*.

Boatie These graceful unitard-encased creatures are frequently spotted in the early hours of the morning gliding on the Cam, or headed in the direction thereof. See also: *BCD; J2*.

Boho Boulton House. A residence at Wychfield, primarily for undergrads.

Bop Cambridge College disco—your chance to show the undergrads how to shake their groove thangs. See also: *Viva*.

Bridgetower Room A small dining room in college on B staircase.

Bumps Held in Lent (Lent Bumps) and Easter (May Bumps) terms, these intercollegiate rowing tournaments are a favourite topic of discussion for boaties.

Bursary 1. A form of scholarship or grant. 2. The bursar has been rumoured to work here. Do not rouse the sleeping giant. Any queries related to your college bill should be directed to the Accounts Office instead.

Cafeteria Canteen-style dining, held every day in term time; pay with your University Card.

Cam The river flowing through Cambridge, formerly known as the Granta.

Cambridge Union A ('the') debating society, which also offers plenty of other services for its members. Membership is rather costly. Not to be confused with CUSU.

CamSIS The online information system used to handle student administration.

Cantab Short for 'cantabrigian'. 1. A Cambridge graduate. 2. An adjective describing all things Cambridge.

Cindy's Sticky nightcub officially known as 'Ballare'.

Computing You will be given at least three computing accounts: Raven, Desktop Services, and Hermes. Do not lose the passwords to them; they are each invaluable! See also: *CRSid*.

Crescents, the Tit Hall's main male undergraduate sporting society. Garish pink and purple striped tie included. Organisers of one of Cambridge's most popular Suicide Sunday garden parties. See also: *sporting society*.

CRSid Common Registration Service identifier. Composed of your initials followed by a number (e.g., *ck329*). Used to identify a person on computing systems managed by the University Computing Service. Also forms the first part of your email address, before the *@cam.ac.uk*. See also: *computing*.

Cuppers Inter-collegiate sports knockout competition.

CUSU Cambridge University Students' Union, of which you are automatically a member. Runs a wide variety of events, represents you on various university groups/committees, funds autonomous campaigns (e.g., LGBT, black students, women's, disabled students) and represents Cambridge students at a national level.

DarBar Affectionate term for Darwin Bar.

Easter Term The third and final term of the academic year (April–June). Culminates with May Week.

Ents Short for 'entertainment'.

Fitz Fitzwilliam college. Wychfield's slightly less cool next-door-neighbour. Built for the express purpose of feeding Wychfield residents too lazy to make the journey to their own, far superior cafeteria. Will trade food for hard cash and therefore accessible to non-members entering independently.

Formal Hall Twice-weekly formal meals, open to all Trinity Hall members.

Garden Party Usually held during May Week, event involving copious quantities of food and drink for a fixed ticket price.

Gardies Gardenia's. Late-night, vaguely Mediterranean fast food joint, famous for its wall of photos.

Grad Hall Weekly formal meals bringing grads together.

Graduate Tutors Drs Bartels and Tokieda, our absent fathers who reappear just in time for Christmas Dinner.

GSR Graham Storey Room.

GU Graduate Union. A shambles. Better off dealing with CUSU.

Half-Blue Awarded for students participating in 'lesser' sports on the university's first team. See also: *Blue*.

Hall See: *Cafeteria; Formal Hall; Grad Hall; Tit Hall; Row Hall.*

Head Porter Ian Lyons. Nice guy – been in the role about half a year.

Hermes The university's webmail system. Archaeologists believe its comprehensive feature-set dates it to Ancient Greece (hence the name), with only minor revisions made in the 1980s.

Intermission A leave of absence from your studies. You may apply for intermission for both medical and non-medical reasons.

International drinking rules Too many to list. See also: *sporting society; penny, to.*

JCR Junior Combination Room—our lovely undergraduate counterparts, as well as the name for their common room next to the bar.

June Event A cheaper version of a May Ball with a more informal dress-code. Trinity Hall has its own June Event on the Tuesday of May Week.

J2 A den of iniquity and rowing chat, this salubrious chamber forms the Boat Club's common room in college. Next door is J1, where the Boat Club Captain lives.

Lent Term The second term of the academic year (January–March).

LF Launcelot Fleming.

LSR Leslie Stephen Room. A function room in college above the kitchens, often used for the McMenemy seminars.

Magpies, the The highly secretive and only slightly ironic Trinity Hall MCR Women's drinking society. It's members are said to identify one another by discreetly tapping their right nostril.

Marshall McLuhan Symposium Annual symposium organised by the MCR and accompanied by prizes and general merriment.

Master, the Currently The Revd Dr Jeremy Morris.

Matriculation The process by which one is formally admitted to the college and the university. Comes with a free dinner in the second week of term.

May Ball Very posh, all-night, black-tie affairs. All the food and drink one could possibly consume, with entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets range from £80 to upwards of £200.

May Week The final week of Lent term when undergrads have finished their exams. Comprised of garden parties, May Balls, and June Events. Named May Week because it used to be in May, before exams started.

McMenemy Seminars Weekly talks given by MCR members on a subject of their own choosing but aimed at a general audience. Complimentary drinks are also provided for attendees.

MCR Middle Combination Room. MCR refers not only to our two common rooms and kitchen on Front Court, but also the student body itself and its representatives (the MCR Committee).

Michaelmas Term First term of the academic year (October–December).

Missionaries, the The highly secretive and only slightly ironic Trinity Hall MCR Men's drinking society. It's members are said to identify one another by discreetly tapping their left nostril.

MPhil Cambridge name for most Masters degrees.

New Builds The recently-built constructs at Wychfield. In anticipation of generous contributions from as-yet-unidentified sources, the houses have been creatively assigned letters of the alphabet, starting at 'A'.

NUS National Union of Students. Umbrella group with most of the country's universities affiliated—inspires recurrent debate on the merits of CUSU's continuing membership. See also: *CUSU*; *GU*.

Old JCR Recarpeted and rechristened—now the Terrace Room.

Orgasm Bridge Garret Hostel Lane Bridge, the bridge adjacent to Tit Hall. Finding the origins of this name is left as an exercise for the reader.

Other Place, the See: *Oxford*.

Oxford See: *Other Place, the*.

Penny, to The act of dropping a penny in someone's glass, thereby obligating the victim to scandinavian his/her beverage. Acquiring comprehensive knowledge of pennying etiquette is a noble undertaking for the eternal student.

Pidge/pigeon hole Your mailbox in college, found in the Porters' Lodge. See also: *Porters' Lodge*.

Plodge See: *Porters' Lodge*.

Porter The guardians of the college and fountain of all knowledge worth knowing. After your friendly neighbourhood MCR Committee members, they should be your first port of call for any questions (no matter how inane) about Tit Hall. They are also an excellent source of amusing anecdotes about alumni/students/fellows.

Porters' Lodge The 'office' of the porters and the 'reception' of college. Trinity Hall has two: one at Central Site and one at Wychfield.

Punting The act of propelling a flat-bottomed boat, known as a punt, by pushing against the riverbed with a long pole. Often accompanied by strawberries and cream/Pimm's Cup.

PWF Public Workstation Facility. Network of PCs providing common software and printing/scanning facilities. Found in computer rooms across the university. See also: *computing*.

RAG Raise and Give, the University's student-run charitable organisation.

Raven Indispensable computing account, used to access most online services in the College and University (except desktop PCs, which usually need your Desktop Services password). See also: *computing*.

Red Book The sacred text whose tenets we all aspire to live by. To be consulted when in need of guidance, and also when not. Occasionally confused with a similarly-titled work by Chairman Mao.

Revs Vodka Revolutions.

Row Hall The cry of support for Tit Hall heard from the banks of the Cam during Bumps.

Scandinavian Finnish your drink.

SCR Senior Combination Room. Where the fellows go for their port-fuelled raves, as well as the collective name for this band of miscreants.

Sidney Sidney Sussex College. Also known as Sidney Sainsbury's due to its close proximity to the supermarket.

Sporting society More social club than sporting society, members of these secretive and often illicit or exiled organisations distinguish themselves by their gift of gab and the wearing of foul ties. They practise a multitude of bizarre rituals and enjoy swaps with collectives of other like-minded social animals. See also: *international drinking rules*.

Squash 1. A racket game. 2. An event organised by a society to encourage

students to become members.

Stash Clothing associated with a club or society.

Suicide Sunday The Sunday prior to May Week; filled with garden parties galore.

Supervision A teaching method unique to Oxbridge, where students are taught in small groups of two to four. Also an opportunity for graduate students to put the fear of unicorns into undergraduates.

Swap Wherein a group from your college visits another college's Formal/Grad Hall, and vice versa. An excellent opportunity to get to know people beyond the confines of Trinity Hall.

Tab, the Online, student-run newspaper. See also: *TCS*; *Varsity*.

TCS The Cambridge Student. Independent, student-run newspaper funded by CUSU. See also: *Tab, the*; *Varsity*.

Tit Hall Affectionate name for your new college, Trinity Hall. Home to *Tit Hallers*.

UL University Library.

University Card Grants you access to libraries and departments. Comes complete with awful passport photo and appropriately funereal black and white Tit Hall stripes in the corner.

Van of Death Uncle Frank's.

Van of Life Trailer of Life.

Varsity 1. Term referring to sporting and other contests between Oxford and Cambridge. 2. Restaurant on Regent Street. 3. Independent, student-run newspaper. See also: *TCS*; *Tab, the*.

Viva |vēva| The JCR's fortnightly themed bops.

Viva |viva| Oral examination wherein you defend your thesis.

Wychfield The holiday home (with corresponding second mortgage) of Trinity Hall located between Storey's Way and Huntington Road. Resplendent with palatial accommodation, lush landscaped gardens, and the college sports facilities.

Freshers' Week

The timetable is outlined below. This is subject to change closer to the time based on weather and the capricious whims of the MCR Committee – keep an eye on your emails and look at the big calendar in the MCR. See the last page of this booklet for a handy summary. For MCR-coordinated events we have indicated the meeting place and whether sign up is required. You can sign up for activities via the signup sheets posted in the MCR.

Thursday 1st October

Pizza night – 8-11pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

An opportunity for you early arrivals to meet some of your fellow freshers with free pizza and a laid-back night in the MCR.

Friday 2nd October

Cafeteria Lunch in Hall – 12:50-2pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Sample the delights of Trinity Hall's Hall with other MCR members.

Welcome Drinks – 8-11pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Free wine, cheese and scintillating discussion. Non-alcoholic drinks also available.

Saturday 3rd October

MCR Drop-in Hours – 11am-1pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Hire your gown and locker, and raise any questions you might have with members of the friendly MCR Committee.

Punting/Walking Tour of Cambridge - 2-5pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: *Yes*

What was a car doing on the roof of the Senate House? What time does Sainsbury's close on a Sunday? Are there really cows at King's? Find the answer to these questions and more. Meet in the MCR for a tour of Cambridge by river in the College punts and/or by foot from an expert guide (a member of the MCR who's read Wikipedia the night before). Approx. 1hr walking. Signup required.

English Cultural Excursion: England vs. Australia Rugby – 6.30-11pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Meet in the MCR before trekking out to a pub in Cambridge for that most English of experiences – watching the national sports team get beaten. An enlightening cultural experience for both sporting connoisseurs and non-connoisseurs alike.

Sunday 4th October

Botanic Gardens Picnic – 12-3pm – Meet: MCR (12pm)/Entrance (12:30pm); Signup: *Yes*

Enjoy a delightful picnic with MCR members and freshers in the university's beautiful Botanic Gardens (Trumpington St). The MCR will provide plastic plates, cutlery and drink cups. Bring your own food, drink and blankets/sitting apparatus (please organise in advance). Signup required.

MCR Pub Quiz – 8-10pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Test your trivia against fellow freshers. Of course there's free alcohol, and prizes for the winning teams!

Monday 5th October

Tea, Coffee and Cake crawl – 11am-1pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

If you're going to spend the year totally dependent on caffeine, you may as well find the best places to imbibe it. Find the hidden gems among Cambridge's coffee shops. Trust us, you'd never find the Indigo Café without a guide. (Note: all locales also serve non-caffeinated and non-sweetened delicacies; and, there is no obligation to purchase something at every stop).

Old Chain Library Tour – 2pm -3.10pm (tours every 30 mins, at 20 min intervals) – Meet: MCR; Signup: *Yes*

Boasting a range of very old books, all chained to their respective shelves to prevent thievery, Tit Hall chain library is one of the few remaining in the country. Be treated to the historic tour and then take a quick walk around our newer and fully functional Jerwood library. Signup required.

Orientation Seminar and Matriculation – 4:30-6pm

A welcome and introduction to life in Cambridge from College. See your Welcome Pack for more information.

Be Our Guest Night – 7-11pm – Meet: Ground Floor Kitchen, Launcelot Fleming House, Wychfield; Signup: *Yes*

Let current members of the MCR dazzle you with their culinary skills: you sign up and bring wine/other beverages, they cook you a delicious three-course dinner in return. Signup required; freshers only.

Tuesday 6th October – start of Michaelmas Term

CUSU Societies Fair – All day – Parker's Piece & Kelsey Kerridge Centre

Interested in playing university-standard rugby, or maybe competitive tiddlywinks? Maybe you'd like to build a solar car? Learn to give therapeutic massages? Volunteer to help the homeless? Get loads of free promotional stuff? Then the Societies fair is for you!

Tit Hall Boat Club Erg Competition – 4.30 – 6pm – Trinity Hall Boat Club, Tit Hall

Part of the Boat Club's annual recruitment drive. Test you 500m split against other enthusiastic freshers from both the MCR and JCR. If you arrive early you can also make evensong!

English Cultural Excursion: King's Evensong – 5:15-8:30pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

A fabled musical church service in the world-famous King's College Chapel, billed by many as 'the best free concert on earth'. The Christmas Carol service from the choir is even featured on the BBC and attended by members of the Royal Family. All religions welcome. Please arrive promptly at 5.15 in the MCR, so that we can head across in good time to get decent seats.

Wednesday 7th October

CUSU Societies Fair – All day – Parker's Piece & Kelsey Kerridge Centre

The same as the day before, in case you missed it.

LGBT+ Tea and Cakes – 3pm – 4pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Meet Jack – the MCR's LGBT+ Officer – for coffee and cake in the MCR. All welcome!

Trinity Hall Societies Fair – 6:45 – 7:30pm – Terrace Room, Tit Hall

Tit Hall boasts its own range of societies. Pop in just before grad hall to see if there is anything that takes your fancy.

Grad Hall – dinner to start promptly at 7:30pm

The first Grad Hall of the year! Make sure you sign up online by midday Monday (October 5th). To avoid clashing with the Trinity Hall Societies' Fair there are no pre-dinner drinks in the MCR. There are, however, post-dinner drinks!!

Thursday 8th October

Latin Dancing Night – 5-7pm – Meet: Wychfield Pavilion, Trinity Hall; Signup: *Yes*

Learn bachata – a style that originated in the Dominican Republic and has now spread across the world. Complete novices through to experienced pros all welcome! Signup required.

Cocktail Night – 8-11pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Join us for the MCR's legendary debauched Bacchanalia! Come bedecked in your finest toga for this ancient themed event! There will be a variety of cocktails available (£1 donation encouraged, per cocktail). What could go wrong?

Friday 9th October

Welfare Cakes - 3-4pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

The first bi-weekly instalment for term. Designed to facilitate social engagement in the MCR. A very good place to ask any heretofore unanswered questions, and also to get to know your fellow MCR members a little better.

Permanent Resident Partners Dinner – 7-10pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: *Yes*

A great opportunity for MCR members with partners (and particularly partners resident in Wychfield and Bateman St) to meet one another. Signup required. More details available from Martin (mgw39@cam.ac.uk).

Footlights International Tour Show 2015 – 10:30pm-1am – Meet: MCR;

Signup: *Yes*

Highlights from the legendary Cambridge comedy group's world tour. Previous versions have been featured on the BBC, and the show also launched the careers of famous British thespians Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie and Emma Thompson, amongst other. Tickets limited; £6 p.p. to be paid on the night; signup required.

Saturday 10th October

Bateman St. Brunch – 11am – 1pm – Meet: Bateman Street; Signup: *Yes*

A chance for Batemanites to meet their new friends: brunch organised by the MCR Committee and current MCR residents of Bateman Street. Bateman residents only. Signup required.

Boat Club BBQ – 12-2pm – Trinity Hall Boat Club

Visit our newly-renovated boat club to enjoy a BBQ and tubing (the art of practising your stroke in water on a fixed contraption attached to bank of the Cam).

MCR Drop-in Hours – 12-2pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Haven't got a gown yet? Have got some questions? Here's another chance to resolve one or both of these issues.

Pub Crawl – 2pm-late – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

A trip round Cambridge's best pubs. Of which there are a lot. Really, a lot. We'll start with a meal and after that we'll aim to move pubs about every 30-60 minutes. We'll check into each new location on Facebook so you can rendezvous at any time (sign up to the MCR Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/279466435430811/>). Remember to pace yourself!

Sunday 11th October

College Sports Taster – 2-4pm – Wychfield Pavilion

An opportunity to try all off the other sports Tit Hall has to offer. A great way to meet both other grads, as well as undergrads.

Wychfield BBQ – 4-7pm – Meet: Wychfield Pavilion; Signup: *Yes*

Free burgers and drinks in the lovely grounds of Wychfield. Vegetarian and non-alcoholic options available. Signup required.

Monday 12th October

MCR Committee Meeting - 7-8pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

The first Committee Meeting of term. Get to know how democracy in the MCR works, and hear about any issues facing students in the coming year. Also come along if you're keen to volunteer in the Committee. We'd greatly appreciate your help!

Board Games Night – 9pm – Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Whether you're a seasoned Monopoly millionaire or a novice unsure why you'd first-pick a three-stone site and rush cities in Settlers of Catan, you'll enjoy joining in one of a wide range of board games. Games provided by MCR members. Feel free to also bring your own.

Tuesday 13th October

Rest and rejuvenate. Thanks for participating in Freshers' Week!

Wednesday 14th October

McMenemy Seminar and Matriculation Dinner

Keynote lecture by Dr. Clare Jackson and then formal dinner to celebrate the start of your Trinity Hall career; organised by College. Dress code: black tie with gowns.

Saturday 17th October

English Cultural Excursion: Tea and Scones in Grantchester – 1:30- 5pm –

Meet: MCR; Signup: No

Okay, Freshers' Week is officially over. However, we couldn't resist throwing this in the schedule. The Orchard Tea Garden – made famous for it's beautiful location in nearby Grantchester, and for being frequented by Lord Byron and later Milton Keynes and Virginia Wolfe, amongst others – is just a 50 minute walk or a brisk cycle from Cambridge. Enjoy the waning autumn with this fantastic excursion.

Other Michaelmas Events

21st October

Grad Hall – 7pm – MCR

26th October

MCR Open Meeting – 7-9pm – MCR

28th October

Halloween Super Hall – 7pm – MCR

3rd November

MCR Committee Hustings and Election – 7-9pm – MCR

4th November

Grad Hall – 7pm – MCR

10th November

MCR Committee Handover Meeting

11th November

Grad Hall – 7pm – MCR

20th November

Super Hall – TBC – Hall

24th November

MCR Committee Meeting – 7-9pm – MCR

25th November

Grad Hall – 7pm – MCR

2nd December

Christmas Formal Hall – TBC – MCR

4th December – end of term

Maps





TRINITY HALL WYCHFIELD

- 9 DEAN HOUSE
- 8 WALTER CHRISTIE HOUSE
- 7 BOULTON HOUSE
HOUSEKEEPER'S OFFICE
- 6 LAUNCELOT FLEMING HOUSE
- 5 WYCHFIELD HOUSE
- 4 HERRICK HOUSE
- 3 PAVILION & SQUASH COURTS
- 2 COOTE HOUSE
- 1 PORTERS' LODGE
- 10 MAINTENANCE
- 11 GARDEN & GROUNDS H.Q.
- RECYCLING POINT

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