

Queens' JCR Summary Sheet: Cost of Living Guidance for 2025 Freshers

This overview, produced by the Queens' JCR Committee, outlines key living costs at Queens' for new Freshers. For a full breakdown of other expenses, check out the linked resources.

Key College expenditure includes:

- Food - £3.60 for a main meal including two sides in Queens' buttery; £3.10 for Queens' Six (six cooked breakfast items) at breakfast/brunch; £12.95 for formal hall.
- Accommodation - charges are made quarterly (each term functions as one quarter, with the option to remain over summer given in around April). See table below for costs.
- Energy bills - consist of gas and electricity charges, added to the following term's bill. The vast majority of this is gas, with electricity generally being under £5/term. Costs can vary significantly year-on-year due to market fluctuations (and are metered by staircase) but in 2024-25, for a typical Cripps room, the combined gas and electricity charges, rounded to the nearest £5, were: Michaelmas - £120; Lent - £145; Easter - £65.
- Laundry, housekeeping, gym, basic contents insurance - provided by College free of charge (bring laundry tablets but no need to bring washing up equipment).
- One-off expenses - bike (allow £100); gown (around £40); caution money (a deposit of £300 to College, reimbursed upon graduation); course-specific resources (varies, but try to use College subject grants - see below).

Building	Room type	Cost	No. of rooms available
Cripps	En-suite, top floor	£3282	9
Cripps	En-suite	£2748	83
Cripps	Private bathroom	£2274	32
Fisher	En-suite set	£3282	10
Friars	Shared bathroom, top floor set	£2274	4
Friars	Shared bathroom, Court view	£1812	12
Friars	Shared bathroom, King's view	£1572	10

Table 1: Accommodation costs for Queens' 2025-26 Freshers

Other useful links:

- Cambridge Bursary
- Financial support from Queens' for current students - including bursaries, sports grants, subject grants and travel grants
- University of Cambridge guidance on living costs
- Save The Student guidance on living costs
- Money Saving Expert guidance on living costs

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