QUEENS' COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

A STUDENT-MADE GUIDE TO LIFE AT QUEENS

2020 VERSION
Welcome

Queens’ College (note the apostrophe!) is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge. We are among the largest, friendliest and best-located colleges in Cambridge, known for a bridge, diverse architecture, and top-notch students.

Colleges in Cambridge and Oxford are tight-knit communities, and Queens’ is no exception. The ‘college life’ experience, alongside the rigorous academic practices, prestige and tradition, make for an experience that is unlike any other in the World. Our community prides itself on being a welcoming one. Whatever your background, Queens’ could be a home to you.

In this alternative prospectus, we hope to give you a student’s view to life in Queens’. Many of us came to Cambridge having heard from current students. We hope you benefit as we did.

Tomos Wood
Engineering student & Queens’ JCR President 2020-2021

Queens’ College JCR is the undergraduate student body in Queens’, represented by the JCR Committee, who produced this guide. For updates and more information, you can follow us on our social media:

Instagram: @queensjcr
TikTok: @queenscollegejcr

Take a Tour of Queens’ College

Admissions

This alternative prospectus will focus on life at Queens’, not really admissions. We would encourage all students to consider applying to top universities like Cambridge and know that Queens’ warmly welcomes applicants from all backgrounds. There are some links at the end of this document that should explain the admissions process.

Terminology

Buttery = The food hall, so the cafeteria basically. It’s called ‘Hall’ in some colleges.
Plodge = Porter’s Lodge, the main entrance to a college.
Formal = Three-course formal dinners in the college which students can book onto.
Michaelmas = The first term of the academic year (mainly October & November).
Lent = The second term of the academic year (January-March).
Easter = The third term of the academic year (April-June).
JCR = "Junior Combination Room" = The undergraduate body or the JCR Committee, that represents it or the JCR Common Room.
QUEENS' OVERVIEW

Queens’ College is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge. It has around 500 undergraduate students (typically 150 a year for years 1-3), as well as nearly as many postgraduates (who live off-site). Queens’ offers almost all subjects (check) and consistently performs well academically, without feeling as intense as other colleges.

Its defining features are its centrally-located, compact and architecturally-diverse grounds, straddling the River Cam, with its two sides connected by the 'Mathematical Bridge'. It is also one of the largest colleges by number of students who regards the college to be a sociable and friendly one. Queens’ is also known for novel widening participation work (often student-led), its long history (since foundation in 1448) and its famous alumni.

Not shown above: Queens’ also operates some off-site facilities, including the Owlstone Croft accommodation block (5-10 minutes’ cycle away) for postgraduates and some undergraduates, houses for postgraduates, a boathouse and sports grounds.
QUEENS' IN CAMBRIDGE

Queens’ is arguably the best-located college, right on the river and on the edge of the busy centre of town. It's midway between the two main cluster of faculties - the Downing and New Museums Sites, and the Sidgwick Site. Queens' students don't tend to go out 'for the day' to their department or faculty, as Queens' is so close you can comfortably go back for a long lunch break!

An annotated map is below. College buildings are in orange and university buildings (such as departments) in blue. You can see the original map at: https://map.cam.ac.uk/

How far is Queens' from various places?
Queens' is also on the university bus route that connects West Cambridge to the hospital and train station. It costs a pound for university students.

- Sidgwick Site (humanities/languages faculties) - 500m
- Engineering Department - 800m
- Downing Site (sciences faculties - mainly teaching) - 650m
- Sainsbury's - 800m

What's Cambridge like as a city?

- Really busy with tourists and day-trippers, especially on weekends and nice days.
- Flat, and probably the most cycle-friendly city in the UK!
- Hotter and drier in the Summer and colder in the Winter than the rest of England.
- Touristic with lots of green space right outside the city.
- University-dominated - coffee shops are full of students chatting and working.
"I briefly visited Queens’ one afternoon whilst on a week-long summer school in Cambridge. It was my favourite college by far - I loved the atmosphere and riverside location!"

Hannah, Geography

"I was going to apply for Kings but Queens’ gave me free ice cream. I didn't understand the importance of picking a college so it's a bit of a miracle I found one that feels so much like home."

Iona, History

"Throughout the process of applying to Queens’ I kept hearing the same word used to describe the college: friendly. It wasn't until I got here that I realise why everyone kept saying it."

Sam, Medicine

"Cambridge is hectic - Queens’ keeps me grounded. There's nothing better for the spirit than a walk through college - you are met by smiles and beautiful surroundings wherever you turn."

Eleanor, Classics

"When I visited Queens’ on the open day I felt as though I would really fit in as all the people were lovely - this was confirmed when I arrived and quickly made loads of friends and felt right at home."

Carly, Maths

"I applied to Queens’ because it was a big and friendly-looking college and I enjoyed my open day visit. I've never looked back and have made lifelong best friends here."

Tomos, Engineering

"Queens’ is literally my home away from home! The people are super friendly and feel like family - everyone from my friends to all of the college staff. I don't think I could ask for a nicer place to stay!"

Adam, Law

"I chose Queens’ almost at random, but the central location, friendly atmosphere and abundance of extracurriculars has made it the perfect choice. I can't think of anywhere I'd rather live!"

Jacob, English
FOOD & FACILITIES

On the main site, Queens' facilities include:

- 3 modern conference rooms and several older (and grander) meeting rooms
- 2 squash courts (free to use) and a gym (a weights room and a cardio room)
- The Fitzpatrick Hall (and lecture theatre)
- 2 bookable music practice rooms
- 3 punts for hire in the summer months

Food Options in Queens'

- **The Butterly** - serving 3 meals a day during the week, and brunch and dinner on the weekend. Normally, there are typically 3 or 4 meal options, discounting soup and jacket potato. Some students will eat all their meals at the buttery, where meals cost some £3-5 depending on the options and add-ons.
- **Self-Catering** - Main site rooms have ‘gyp rooms’ available to students. The quality varies by building, but all will have fridges, hobs, a toaster, microwave, sink and a kettle. Kitchens off the main site will have ovens and more extensive facilities.
- **Bar Food** - Fixed menu of things like pizzas, burgers and curries. This is usually more of a special treat, or when we want food later.

The JCR Room

The JCR Room is a common room for students to hang out in on the third floor of the Cripps Building, looking out over the Mathematical Bridge. Some use the space as a more relaxed place to work, but it’s designated as an alternative social space to QBar. There’s a Television screen for film night and a Wii console, tables and chairs, bean bags, board games (including Queens' Monopoly), computers and a printer.

Offsite Sporting Facilities

Queens' shares a sports ground with other colleges on Barton Road. This site, a 10 minute cycle away, includes a number of tennis courts, football pitches, rugby pitches, lacrosse pitches, cricket squares and netball courts. The University of Cambridge owns a sports centre and grounds for many sports also. There are public swimming pools and climbing walls in Cambridge.
Formals & Dinners

Formal dinners are a tradition of Oxford & Cambridge colleges. Students dress up and wear gowns and receive a three-course meal, at about the same price as a meal out. Students can book on to these as often as they like (there’s no obligation to go to one). Birthdays or hosting guests are a common excuse to go! In Queens’, as well as formals, there are annual black tie dinners that an entire year group or subject group attend, held in the Old Hall.

The Fitzpatrick Hall

The Fitzpatrick Hall is a multipurpose venue in Queens’ that acts both as an open hall, and a theatre that seats around 200 people. It’s used for badminton, indoor football and dance, and it’s been used for ceilidhs, art shows, and student bops (parties). In theatre mode it can be used for lectures, shows, film screenings, and plays.

Green Spaces

Queens’ doesn’t have vast tidy lawns like in other Cambridge colleges. Instead we have some grass lawns and other secluded green spaces. Among them is the Grove, a forested area on the river in Queens’ that members are free to walk through to clear their minds or relax. Opposite the Grove is Erasmus Lawn, a lawn on the river that students flock to during the warmer months to read, relax or socialise.

The Queens’ Bar (QBar)

QBar is the college bar in Queens’. In 2019-2020 the opening hours were 19:00-23:00 most nights, with later closing on weekends. As well as drinks, bar food and desserts are served nightly. The bar can also be used to host events such as karaoke and open meetings. The bar has two pool tables and a football table, both of which are free to use. During the day, the space is a cafe serving hot drinks, snacks and paninis. It’s a popular working space.
ACCOMMODATION

Queens' has a mix of old and new accommodation buildings across the college site. The majority of undergrads are house on-site, and are able to choose from a range of options to fit their budget and preferences - students tend to get the room type they want. The college is one of the only ones to have accommodation on both sides of the river, this leads to a split in architectural styles that we call the 'Dark Side' and the 'Light Side'. The Dark Side contains the original buildings of the college with an older architectural style, whereas the Light Side has two of the newer buildings and the modern porter's lodge, as well as most facilities. Accommodation can vary in the following ways:

- **En-suite vs shared bathroom vs private bathroom** - there are a range of bathroom options and this is reflected in price. Private bathroom rooms have their own individual associated bathroom, it just is not connected to the room.

- **Sets or rooms** - sets are made up of a couple of rooms - typically a bedroom connected to a lounge/study.

- **Size and view** - these can vary considerably and this is reflected in room price.

There are also a handful of rooms in the Queens' Old Court on the Dark Side, some of which are shared - see here for more info!

Click on the headings below to see floor plans and 3-D tours!!

**Cripps Court**

The most recent addition to Queens', Cripps is home to nearly 200 rooms, many college facilities, and a majority of first year students. All rooms in Cripps have either an en-suite or a private bathroom, and there's a few 'penthouse' rooms. Cripps is the most accessible of all of the buildings, with ramps to access ground floor rooms, and two lifts. The lighting in Cripps is also significantly brighter than the lighting in the older buildings.

**Friars Building**

Friars holds some of the cheapest on-site accommodation, and its on the main site. The building dates to the 1800s and is on the Dark Side. Though the rooms aren't too small, each staircase shares a few bathrooms (1 on the top floor and two on the ground floor). There are sinks in every room and a small gyp room on every one of the four floors. Top floor Friars rooms are sets.
**Fisher Building**
The first building to be built on the light side, Fisher is made up of large sets that are on the more expensive side of Queens' accommodation, as they used to be shared rooms. The first three floors of each staircase are made up of en-suite sets, with the attic sets sharing a separate shower room and toilet between the four rooms on the floor. These rooms are occupied by mostly second year students.

**Erasmus Building**
Considered by some to be the ugliest building in Cambridge and loved by others, Erasmus is the newest building on the Dark Side. Its residents benefit from modern gyp rooms and views of the river (and prettier buildings). Built in the 50s, all of the rooms in Erasmus are en-suite study bedrooms. The rooms in Erasmus are regarded as "like Cripps but a little better", and are usually taken by second and third year students.

**Dokett Building**
Dokett is the most confusing building in Queens'. Traditionally, third years occupy its mix of big, comfortable en-suites and smaller rooms with bathrooms shared between 2. While the rooms vary massively in size and view, its more modern gyp rooms and cozy and carpeted interior make it quite different from neighbouring Friars, even though they do look quite similar from the outside!

**Owlstone Croft**
Owlstone Croft is the main block of offsite accommodation owned by Queens'. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic it was mainly occupied by graduates but there's now a colony of 30-40 second years. Most rooms are in the cheapest band with shared bathrooms. The building has fully-equipped kitchens (ovens!), and its own common room. It's located beside a local nature reserve, 10-15 minutes walk (5 minute cycle) south of Queens'.
THE SOCIAL LIFE AT QUEENS'

Queens’ regards itself to be a sociable college, with good interaction between years of study. Being so populous and compact, students get to know lots of different people will often have multiple groups of friends.

What are typical evening activities and events students attend?
- College ‘bops’ (parties, usually themed)
- Society, subject or sports team social events
- Socialising in a friend's room and going out clubbing
- Formals (formal dinners), both in Queens' and at other colleges
- Attending talks, debates and panels held by societies such as the Cambridge Union

How might a Queens' student relax with friends?
- Enjoying a drink and playing pool in QBar in the evening
- Playing board games or on the Wii in the JCR Room
- Bringing food out to eat on the riverside during the summer months
- Cozying under a blanket in a friend's room for a film night

What are the highlights of the year?
Freshers' Week happens at the start of Michaelmas Term. Yes there's clubbing and parties, but in true Cambridge style there's a lot more to it, including matriculation, a formal celebration of admission into the college.

The Queens' May Ball is a biennial black tie event (in June, confusingly) where the college is transformed into a party lasting until 5 or 6 a.m. the next morning. There will typically be fairground rides, a range of foods and drink, headline acts and varied activities.

Every year after exams the JCR events team (QEnts) host Bounce, a garden party with food and drink on the college's riverside Erasmus Lawn. There's food, drinks and musical acts, but the highlight is all the bouncy castles and obstacle courses.

What's Cambridge like for shops, venues and clubbing?
Cambridge is a city and has everything you would expect: cinemas, a bowling alley, musical venues and all typical restaurant chains and high street shops. It isn't well known for its clubs. Still, there are four nightclubs in Cambridge, and other venues also host regular nights out. Plenty of students are into their clubbing and will go multiple times a week.
SPORTS & SOCIETIES IN QUEENS'

"We have over 50 different sports teams and societies here at Queens’ - check out the QJCR website for a complete list! Societies are a great way to de-stress, forget about looming deadlines and meet new people. Most subjects have their own societies, which provide peer learning support to students and run social and academic events throughout the year. We also have a few big societies here at Queens’, most notably: BATS (drama), QCBC (rowing) and MagSoc (music). We have a board games society, an annual arts exhibition, a nature and environment society (QNES), and everything in between. There's something for everyone!

Many of our sports teams are very successful - the men's and women's football teams, the open badminton team, mixed lacrosse team, and men's rugby team all placed first or second in their ‘Cuppers’ competitions (Cambridge's inter-collegiate sports competition) this season (2019-2020) alone!"

Hannah Badger, JCR Sports & Societies Officer 2020-2021

**Rowing**

In Cambridge, rowing is probably the most popular sport. Most rowers have never rowed before starting at Cambridge. The Queens' College Boat Club (QCBC) works out of the Queens’ boathouse. As well as training and participating in races, they organise indoor competitions and social events. A highlight is the Bonfire Night BBQ at the boathouse, open to all and with great views of the city of Cambridge’s fireworks, as well as the boat club dinners!

**Music & Drama**

Queens' has a lively music scene. Its music society, 'MagSoc' organises concerts, rehearsals and musical prizes and even casual musicians get involved! Queens' also has a college choir who sing in our beautiful chapel. BATS is Queens' renowned theatre society whose alumni include Stephen Fry and Simon Bird! BATS host socials, organise theatre trips and put on shows in our very own Fitzpatrick Hall throughout the year.
# Queens' Quirks

Some Fun Facts About Queens'

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<th>Queens' alumni include Stephen Fry, the Scholar Erasmus, journalist Emily Maitlis, the current governor of the Bank of England and many more...</th>
<th>Squirrels and ducks are common in Queens'. Badgers, foxes, kingfishers and water voles live in the local area.</th>
<th>Among the famous alumni of Queens' is the astronaut Michael Foale. A flag that flew on the space shuttle can be found in the bar in Queens!</th>
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<td>Queens' has a secluded rooftop garden complete with a student herb garden!</td>
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<td>During the 2020 pandemic, Queens' students parodied Billy Joel's <em>We Didn't Start the Fire</em> with a Queens' version of the song</td>
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<td>Most food halls in Cambridge require you to keep your tray on a rack after eating. Queens' is special and has a conveyor belt!</td>
<td>Queens' was founded twice by a queen of England (Margaret of Anjou in 1448, and again by Elizabeth Woodville in 1465) hence Queens' and not Queens or Queen's.</td>
<td>Queens' is well-known for its brunch, a cheap meal on weekend mornings with all the breakfast classics. &quot;Two hash browns is one item&quot; is the Queens' motto!</td>
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<td>Queens', like many colleges, has a TV and Wii in its JCR common room. What's unique in the Queens' JCR Room is 6-metres of cactus garden with over 80 plants!</td>
<td>Buttery and most formals occur in the large, modern Cripps Hall. Queens' also has Old Hall, a grand hall with painted ceilings that once featured in a Bastille music video.</td>
<td>Nobody is allowed to walk on most of the grass in Queens'. though in the Summer you can relax, sunbathe and eat on the riverside. There's even an annual bouncy castle party after exams on them!</td>
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Check out our Humans of Queens' - @queensjcr
WELFARE

Queens' has multiple avenues of welfare support:

- **Welfare Team** - Queens' has a dedicated team of welfare advisers and mental health specialists on hand to support students - both in terms of responding to student concerns and incidents, and pro-actively ensuring students' conditions are catered for in aspects of college life.

- **College Nurse** - Queens' has a registered nurse who can treat minor injuries and advise on physical wellbeing generally.

- **Tutors** - tutors are fellows (academics) of the college who are a contact for your non-academic wellbeing. They support students experiencing financial hardship, support applications and support or who are having difficulty studying.

- **The Chaplain** - the college chaplain is available to advise students on welfare and spiritual issues - and not just if you're a christian!

- **University Counselling Service** - a service available to all Cambridge students.

FINANCE

UK students can apply for a student maintenance loan to cover living costs, with more money available for students on lower households income. Almost all UK Queens' students will have student loans.

Queens' students are eligible to automatically receive the 'Cambridge Bursary', which offers £3500 to students in households earning £25,000 or less, with a linear tail-off to zero at around £62,000 [2020 case]. Queens' students can also receive funds to deal with financial hardship through tutors.

Queens' accommodation is on a "quarterly scheme" where we pay for accommodation for 3 continuous quarters - the 9 month academic year. This means we pay for rooms (and can live in Queens') over the Christmas and Easter vacations, and a few weeks after term. In 2020, rooms cost between £1320/quarter (shared bathrooms) and £2400/quarter (the top-end en-suites). Utilities are about £60/term and laundry is free [all as of 2020]. Food is typically the biggest other expense with the budget depending on the balance of self-catering, eating in the buttery, and amount of takeaway/formals.

ACADEMICS

As in other colleges, Queens' appoints a **Director of Studies** (DoS) for each subject. This is a fellow of the college (an academic member of Queens') who is responsible for the academic development of students in their subject. They will meet with students a couple of times of term for meetings and organise supervisions for students, even if they do not directly teach students through the course. If you get the chance on an open day, talk to a DoS to get the opportunity to understand what studying a certain subject is like in Queens', or any other college.
WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK?

According to the entirely student-run Big QJCR Survey 2020 (49% turnout), which you can find at qjcr.org.uk:

93% of students agree or strongly agree that "Queens' is a good college"

91% of students agree or strongly agree that "Queens' is a welcoming college"

84% of students agree or strongly agree that "there are lots of student-run activities at Queens"

94% of students felt at home in their room in Queens'

What are the best and worst things?

- Queens' is almost perfectly located on the edge of the city centre, close to the shops, but also to departments, faculties, and green spaces
- Queens' library space is smaller and older than other colleges' libraries
- Queens' has a dedicated professional welfare team
- Queens' students don't have regular catch-ups with tutors (i.e. fellows of other subjects) as is commonplace in other colleges
- Queens' is among the most picturesque and beautiful colleges
- Queens' sports ground is too far to walk (you have to cycle)
- Queens' has among the best college bars in Cambridge (we think!)
- Queens' main site gyp rooms don't have ovens, and few have freezers
- Queens' has one of the biggest and best food halls in Cambridge, and students come from other colleges to taste our brunch
- From 2020, Queens' students pay for their rooms for 9 months, so we pay more than colleges on termly rent schemes who leave for all the vacation
- Queens' is a river college, with riverside lawns and punts for hire
- Queens' is not one of the few colleges with a swimming pool
- Queens' squash courts are free to use, and the gym is very cheap and has been recently expanded
Want to find out more about different subjects?

**Check out Queens' subject videos here!!**

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**Example timetable:** sociable first year history student (night owl & rower)

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**Example timetable:** year 1/2 geography student & rower

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**Example timetable: sociable year 1/2 engineering student**

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USEFUL LINKS

If you're interested in learning more about studying at the University of Cambridge, we recommend that you check out the University of Cambridge undergraduate study page (https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/) for access to:

- The University of Cambridge Prospectus
- Subject lists and detailed entry requirements
- Open day information

You can find out more about life at Queens' on the Queens' website, and there's tons of useful videos on the Queens' YouTube channel.

You can find out more about Queens' life by watching videos made by Queens' students:
- Zebulon Goriely - YouTube channel - videos
- Holly Gabrielle - YouTube channel
- Seth Daoed - YouTube channel
- Jake Wright - YouTube channel
- [QJCR YouTube] - YouTube channel

Other useful links:
- Cambridge Student's Union's 'Apply to Cambridge' website
- Suggestions for 'super-curricular activities'
- Discover Downing Cambridge resources
- [Resources for students from Wales]

Twitter accounts to follow:
- Queens' admissions: @QAdmissions
- Queens' College: @QueensCam
- Cambridge admissions: @BeCambridge

Contacts:
- Queens' Schools Liaison Officer: slo@queens.cam.ac.uk
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