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OFFER HOLDER WEBINAR 2

25 AUGUST 2026

TODAY'S WEBINAR

- ❑ Your arrival in Cambridge and at St Edmund's
- ❑ Accommodation
- ❑ The Beginning of the Academic Year
- ❑ What to expect when you are a College member



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ARRIVING IN CAMBRIDGE

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In this section we will discuss:

- ❑ How to travel to Cambridge
- ❑ How to get to St Edmund's College
- ❑ Find your way
- ❑ What to do when you arrive



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ARRIVING IN CAMBRIDGE

- ❑ Cambridge is well-connected to London by both train and bus.
- ❑ There is also a direct connection to Birmingham by train.
- ❑ Direct buses connect Cambridge to all London airports, or else there are rail links to London, with connecting trains to Cambridge



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ARRIVING AT ST EDMUND'S

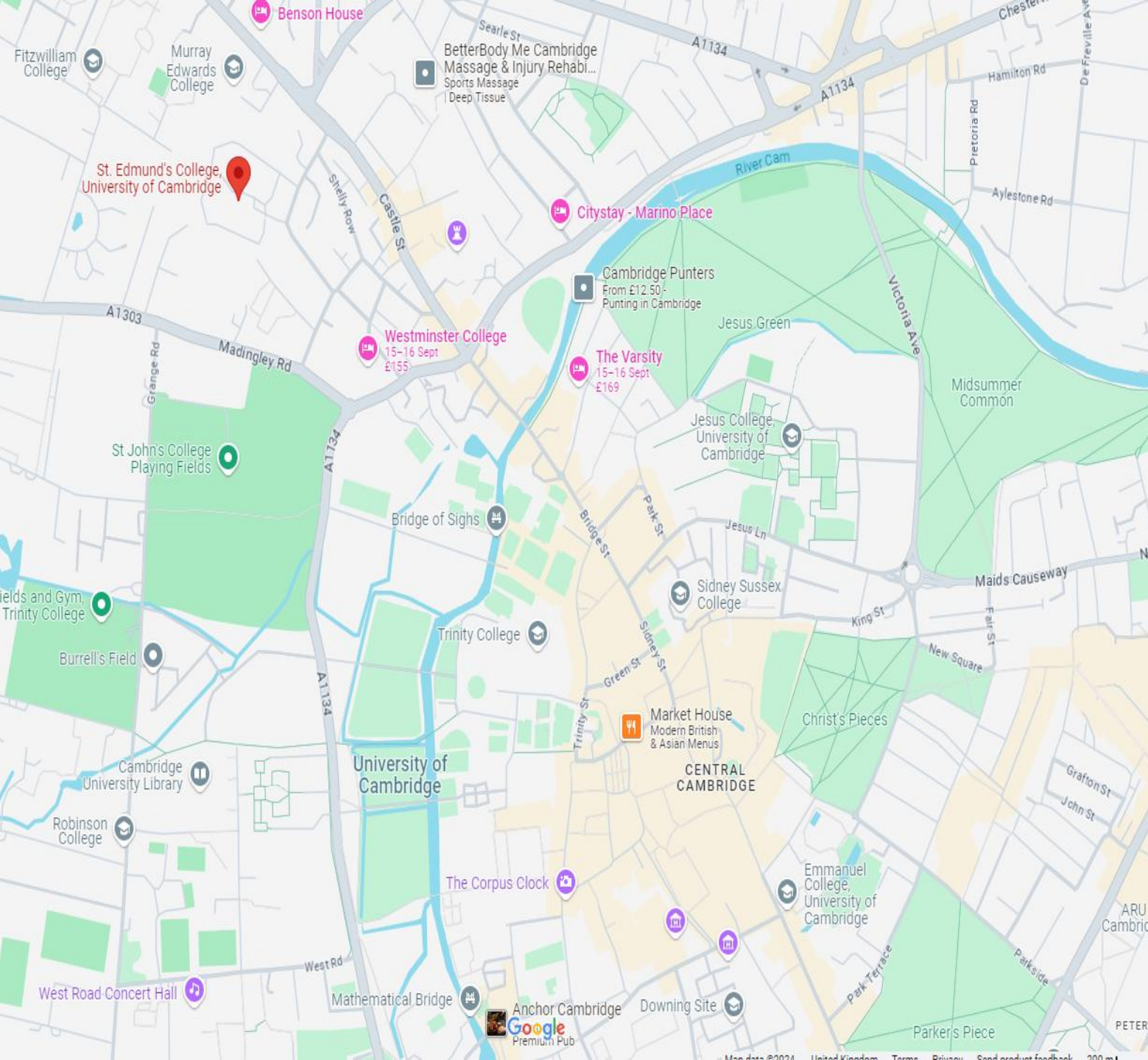
- ❑ Cambridge is a VERY small city!
- ❑ St Edmund's is located 15-20 minutes' walk from the bus terminal and 40 minutes' walk from the train station.
- ❑ As you will be arriving with luggage, you might want to use a taxi to reach College



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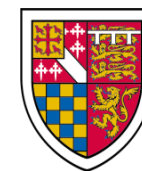
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HOW TO FIND ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

If you are trying to find your own way to St Edmund's, by either walking or driving then you can:

- ❑ Enter the College postcode (CB3 0BN) into your Car's SatNav, or your phone's Google Maps or Waze app.
- ❑ Equally, the WhatThreeWords code for the main College entrance is:
`///tame.mimic.blast`



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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

When you arrive at St Edmund's you should:

- ❑ Follow signage and report to the Porters' Lodge.
- ❑ There, you will receive your University Card (or a temporary card if you arrive early) and will be shown to your room.



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PORTERS' LODGE

One of the first people you'll meet when you arrive at St Edmund's will be a Porter. The Porters' Lodge is located in the Norfolk Building and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

- ❑ Your first point of contact when arriving at College
- ❑ Open **24/7** and responsible for College safety and security
- ❑ **Help, advice and urgent** support available whenever needed
- ❑ Essential items available to purchase, including bedding packs and plug adaptors
- ❑ **Please do not arrange parcel deliveries before you arrive** as storage space is very limited
- ❑ **Fresh food deliveries cannot be accepted by the Lodge** and must be collected in person by the student
- ❑ Planning a large delivery or need assistance? Contact the Lodge for advice before arranging it
- ❑ Head Porter: **Frank Gelder**



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IT AND CONNECTIVITY

Before you arrive, make sure you have access to a reliable laptop or computer for your studies.

- ❑ Check with your **Department or Faculty** before buying new equipment, as some courses have specific IT requirements
- ❑ Avoid overspending on high-specification devices unless they are genuinely required for your course
- ❑ Free Wi-Fi is available throughout College accommodation and teaching spaces
- ❑ Personal Wi-Fi routers and access points are **not permitted**
- ❑ Smart speakers, Chromecast, Apple TV and similar casting devices may not work reliably on the College network
- ❑ Most laptops, tablets, eBook readers and games consoles can be connected successfully



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ACCOMMODATION

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If you are an undergraduate, Graduate Medicine or Foundation Year student, you are guaranteed accommodation. You can book once your place is confirmed.

If you are a postgraduate student without College accommodation, it is now unlikely that you will be able to book any.

- ☐ You are encouraged to find and secure accommodation on the private market in advance of starting your degree.
- ☐ You can also contact the University's accommodation service:

<https://www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk/FindAHome/>



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LIVING IN COLLEGE

As you will be living in accommodation owned by the College there are rules which you will need to follow.

These can all be found in full in the accommodation handbook which can be viewed here:
<https://www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/college-life/accommodation/accommodation-handbook/>



Important rules to be aware of when planning what to bring are as follows:

- ❑ All property must be stored in your room or your allocated kitchen and cupboard.
- ❑ Cooking must take place in the kitchen only. You must not use kitchen appliances in your room, although electric kettles are allowed if placed on a tray.
- ❑ Air mattresses and high-power electrical appliances such as washing machines, fridges, electric heaters, and similar equipment are not permitted in student rooms.
- ❑ All electrical equipment brought into the College must be PAT tested and meet College safety requirements.
- ❑ Use of headphones when watching or listening to audio is encouraged and audible noise is not permitted between 22:00-9:00.
- ❑ Large screen TVs are not permitted in student rooms but you can bring a small TV if you wish. If you watch TV in your room, you will need a TV license.
- ❑ Any maintenance issues, faults or damage in your room should be reported promptly using an OS Ticket system.
- ❑ Fire doors, corridors and emergency exits must be kept clear at all times. Items must not be placed where they could obstruct an escape route.



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GUESTS IN COLLEGE ROOMS

- ❑ No guests are allowed during the first fortnight of the academic year.
- ❑ A guest can stay up to a maximum of 3 nights at once and must be signed in at the porter's lodge.
- ❑ You can only have a guest for up to nine nights per term.
- ❑ You can request a fold up bed for £10 per night subject to availability.
Inflatable beds are not permitted..



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BEGINNING OF THE YEAR



KEY DATES



Arrivals Weekend:
25-28 September



Freshers Week:
28 September – 2 October

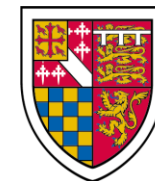
Matriculation Day: 2 October



Start of Term: 1 October
Lectures Start: 6 October



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THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Once you arrive, lots of events and activities will be taking place. This might be confusing!

- ☐ Your College Registration
- ☐ Matriculation Photograph and Ceremonies
- ☐ College Inductions
- ☐ Freshers' Events



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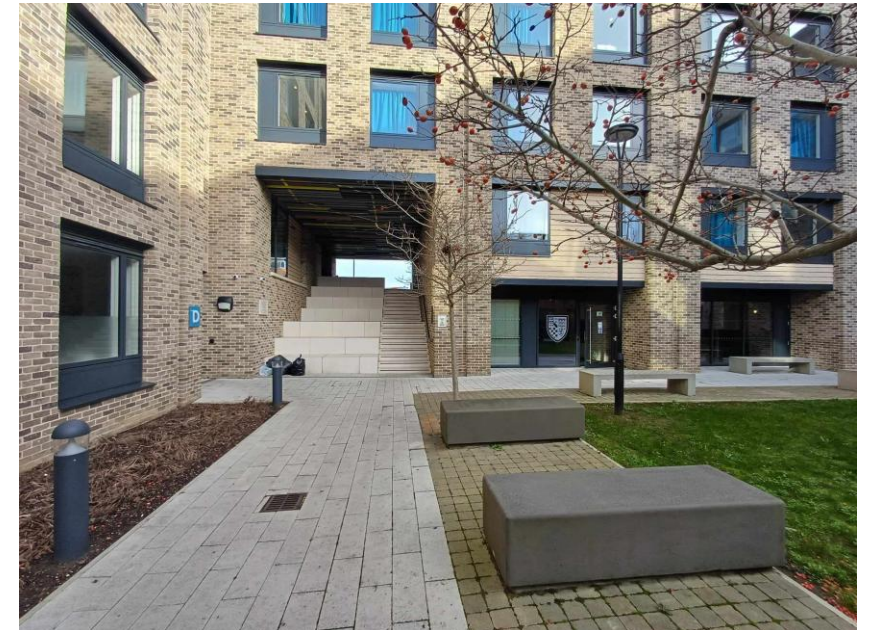
COLLEGE REGISTRATION

Once you have settled into your accommodation (either in College or outside), you will need to register your arrival with the tutorial department.

To do this:

Come to the tutorial office on arrivals weekend. If you arrive at a different time, make an appointment with the tutorial office instead.

Provide all relevant documentation.



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION



ALL students will need to provide:

- ❑ Photographic ID (Passport for international students)

Undergraduate students will ALSO need to provide:

- ❑ Original Copies of exam certificates/transcripts

International students will ALSO need to provide:

- ❑ Evidence of arrival date in UK (if applicable)
- ❑ Vignette in Passport OR share code for a digital visa



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MATRICULATION



- ❑ What on earth is this?
- ❑ Matriculation = process by which you formally become a member of the College and, by extension, the University.
- ❑ You cannot study for your degree unless you matriculate!
- ❑ There is a matriculation ceremony where you officially matriculate.
- ❑ And there is a matriculation photo to mark the occasion.
- ❑ The photo and your matriculation ceremony will take place on **Friday 2 October**.



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COLLEGE INDUCTION EVENTS

- ❑ During the week commencing 28 September, the College will be hosting a series of Induction events.
- ❑ These have been designed to orient you to life and studies in Cambridge.
- ❑ Attendance is compulsory for all students.



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COLLEGE FRESHERS' EVENTS

- ❑ College Freshers' events (Dinners, Induction sessions, Meet and Greet)
- ❑ CR Freshers' events (fun things that will be put on for you)



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UNIVERSITY FRESHERS' FAIR



FRESHERS' FAIR

JUMP INTO STUDENT LIFE
SOCIETIES. PERFORMANCES. FREEBIES.

Date: Tues 6th - Weds 7th Oct

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: Parker's Piece, Cambridge

PAYING YOUR BILL



- ☐ You will receive your invoice at the beginning of Term (i.e. around 6 October). You must pay within 2 weeks.
- ☐ This first invoice will include
 - ☐ Your tuition fees **for the full year**
 - ☐ Your termly Catering Credit (£155)
 - ☐ Your termly CR dues (£25)
 - ☐ Alumni Society fee (£52)
 - ☐ Rent and Caution Money if you are living in College
- ☐ If you have a sponsor they will be invoiced directly
- ☐ If you have a loan or stipend you can make payments by instalments
- ☐ You can pay by bank transfer or use the link provided in your invoice to pay via Flywire which offers a range of options.
- ☐ We **do not** accept credit card payments for tuition fees or college charges at the Porters' Lodge
- ☐ You must pay your fees in GBP



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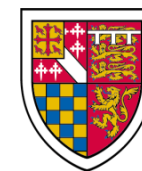
ONCE YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE

Once you are a member of the College, there will be all sorts of facilities and services that are available to you.

All of which are intended to help you through your time as a student and achieve your potential.



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YOUR DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

- ❑ First, if you are an undergraduate or a postgraduate taking a taught Master's (e.g. Law, MAST in Mathematics) you will have a Director of Studies (DoS).
- ❑ Your Director of Studies will be your main academic contact throughout your degree.
- ❑ They can help you make decisions regarding optional papers in your course.
- ❑ You should also contact them if you are struggling academically.
- ❑ If you are doing a PhD or another Postgraduate course, you will have a Supervisor who performs a similar role.



YOUR COLLEGE TUTOR

- ❑ You will be assigned a college tutor at the start of Term and will be sent information about them and how to contact them.
- ❑ There is a session during freshers' week where you can meet your tutor.
- ❑ Your tutor should be your first port of call if you have any questions or concerns affecting your studies.
- ❑ They can signpost you to further information or other services if required.



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THE COLLEGE WELLBEING TEAM

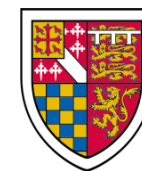
If after discussion with your tutor, you need further support or have a complex situation, the Wellbeing Team are available to provide additional support.

Director of Wellbeing – Nqobile Msomi

Student Wellbeing Officer – Ocean Cook

Mental Health Practitioner – Martine Vanwyck

Health & Wellbeing Advisor - Sofia Andrade



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STUDY SKILLS SUPPORT

Our librarian, Cristina Burton, is able to provide study skills support on a 1:1 or small group basis.



If you find you are struggling with essay writing, referencing, critical reading, time management or any other academic skills, speak to Cristina or once you have your user ID use our online system to book an appointment with her.



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WIDER UNIVERSITY SUPPORT SERVICES



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Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre (ADRC)

- ☐ Provide support for students with disabilities and long-term health conditions
 - ☐ Organise exam access arrangements
 - ☐ Advise on available study support
 - ☐ Support with funding and grants including DSA
 - ☐ Offer specialist mentoring and support
 - ☐ Provide screening assessments for several conditions

University Counselling Service

- ☐ Supports students who are experiencing personal, relational or academic concerns.
 - ☐ You can self-refer to individual counselling sessions.
 - ☐ You can sign up to attend workshops e.g. Exam Preparation, Grounding Techniques, Perfectionism.
 - ☐ You can sign up for group sessions e.g. Student Carers, Bereavement



Thanks for listening!



Submit your questions here.

Please visit our webpages for offer-holders to find out more:

<https://www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/study-here/offer-holders/undergraduate-offer-holders/>

<https://www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/study-here/offer-holders/postgraduate-offer-holders/>

Join our online Unibuddy Communities to meet each other and current students :

Undergraduates:



Postgraduates:





Audience Q&A

① The Slido app must be installed on every computer you're presenting from

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