



PROSPECTUS



St Edmund's College
University of Cambridge

WELCOME FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR



IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME
YOU TO ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE.

Mount Pleasant Halls

St Edmund's is a home from home for over 800 students from around the world. Our student body is characterised by its diversity, including students in every subject area offered at Cambridge, on courses from Foundation Year to PhD, and with a truly global character. We believe that this allows our students to flourish intellectually from a stimulating multidisciplinary environment.

As a community for students aged 21 and over, we exist to support those returning to education or taking their studies further. I am especially proud of the care we take to support each student as an individual, helping them to make the most of the opportunities Cambridge offers.

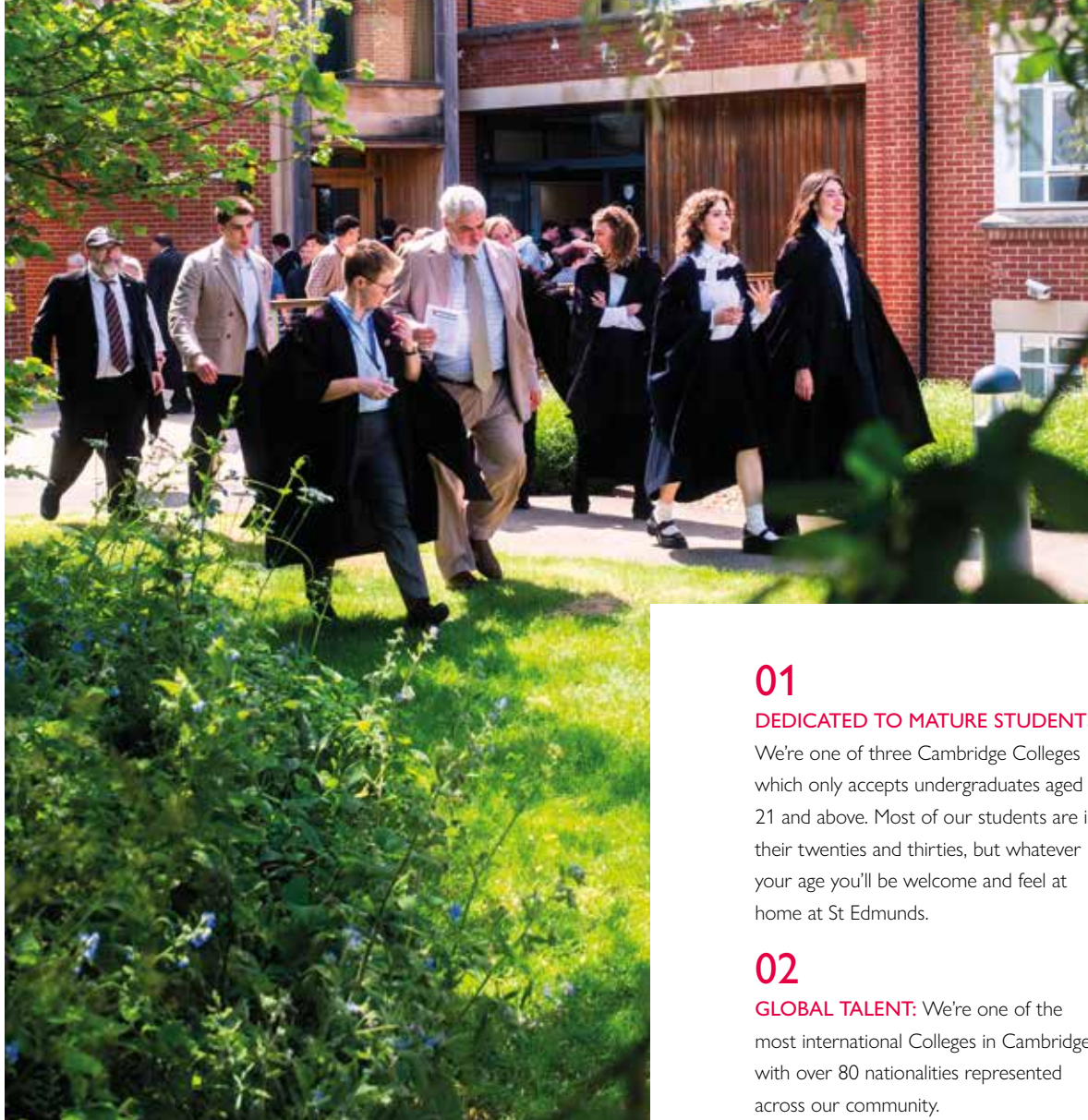
I hope that this brief guide, meeting students and staff, and touring our beautiful site will give you a sense of the warmth, energy, and opportunity that define St Edmund's.

Dr Alex Pryce
Senior Tutor



WHY CHOOSE ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

6 REASONS WHY ST EDMUND'S OFFERS YOU ONE OF THE BEST UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE EXPERIENCES:



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DEDICATED TO MATURE STUDENTS:

We're one of three Cambridge Colleges which only accepts undergraduates aged 21 and above. Most of our students are in their twenties and thirties, but whatever your age you'll be welcome and feel at home at St Edmunds.

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GLOBAL TALENT: We're one of the most international Colleges in Cambridge with over 80 nationalities represented across our community.

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AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY:

We welcome students from a range of different backgrounds, all of whom come with different life experiences and have taken a range of educational journeys. Our community of mature undergraduate and postgraduate students are fully integrated, mix socially, and benefit from learning from each other. Our community also includes a large number of part-time postgraduate students who are an important part of the College.

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IDEAL LOCATION: Our leafy ten-acre campus is just a ten-minute walk from the city centre and iconic River Cam. We're ideally located for those wishing to be close to the University's globally leading research centres in computer science, physics, and engineering. We're also only a 15-minute walk from the Sidgwick site, where many arts and humanities subjects are based.

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A HOME FROM HOME: We offer a quieter, relaxed atmosphere, with access to apple orchards and a secret garden. There's no traditional 'high table' in our Dining Hall and unlike most Colleges at Cambridge, you're even welcome to walk on the grass.

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MODERN FACILITIES: Our contemporary accommodation offers a range of options, including en-suite rooms, family-friendly spaces, and accessible facilities. On-site amenities ensure that your time at St Edmund's is both comfortable and convenient.



FOUNDED IN 1896, ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE IS THE ONLY COLLEGE IN CAMBRIDGE (AND OXFORD) WITH A POST-REFORMATION CATHOLIC FOUNDING.

ABOUT ST EDMUND'S

Our founders sought to create a home for Roman Catholic students who, at the time, were not allowed to become full members of the University of Cambridge.

From those first students, the College has evolved into a modern and inclusive community, welcoming over 800 students, belonging to all faiths and none.

St Edmund's is also home to the Von Hügel Institute (VHI), the College's own interdisciplinary research institute dedicated to critical Catholic inquiry. Students can attend a wide range of workshops and events at the VHI, exploring diverse subjects such as sustainability, astronomy, and the works of Shakespeare.



STUDYING AT ST EDMUND'S



What is a College?

You can think of a College as your home from home while you're in Cambridge. You'll make lots of friends at St Edmund's and it's likely to be the focus of your social life. You'll be invited to a whole host of events, or if you prefer, simply hang out and soak up the atmosphere.

Unique to Oxbridge, supervisions are an essential part of undergraduate teaching which often occur in College. These are weekly sessions between an academic and one or two students where you engage in deep academic discussion about your subject. Lectures, practical sessions, and conducting primary research take place in your Faculty or Department.

SUPPORT AT ST EDMUND'S

WE OFFER A RANGE
OF EXPERT SUPPORT
SERVICES THROUGHOUT
YOUR TIME WITH US.

Every student is assigned a College Tutor who provides pastoral support throughout your time at Cambridge.

Undergraduates and some postgraduates also have Directors of Studies (DoS) who are your main academic contact to guide your academic path through your degree.

Students can access study skills support from the College Librarian, as well as professional guidance from the College's dedicated Wellbeing Team. Working alongside the CR Welfare Officers, they provide support and help ensure students' wellbeing.



LIVING AT ST EDMUND'S



LIVING ON CAMPUS OFFERS MANY BENEFITS. YOU'LL HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE DINING HALL, LIBRARY, AND GYM AS WELL AS SUPPORT FROM OUR PORTERS AND HOUSEKEEPING TEAM.

We offer a variety of accommodation to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. From the modern facilities of Mount Pleasant Halls to the more traditional rooms of the Norfolk Building, there's something to suit all tastes and budgets.

St Edmund's College has considerable history and character, and has undergone several phases of recent development. Our rooms are distributed in buildings of differing ages, and are of varying sizes and levels of facilities.

All our undergraduates are guaranteed accommodation on-site throughout their degree. Some accommodation is available for postgraduate students and is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We have a range of rooms to suit everyone's needs, including family-friendly accommodation and a number of accessible rooms.

All our rooms are fully furnished with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe space, and internet access. Rooms vary in size and price, with some offering en-suite facilities.



FACILITIES AT ST EDMUND'S

OUR FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Dining Hall, offering a daily-changing menu at both lunch and dinner time, with a traditional cooked English breakfast on Wednesdays. College Brunch, a well-observed student tradition, is served on Saturdays.
- Library with study spaces
- On-site coffee shop, *Edspresso*.
- Roman Catholic Chapel
- Student bar
- Two indoor gyms and an outdoor gym
- Two large 'Combination Rooms' (common rooms)
- Two main laundry facilities on-site.
- Well-equipped Music Room



SPORTS, MUSIC & SOCIETIES AT ST EDMUND'S

“As one of the college sports officers, I believe that staying active is important. I make use of the College weights gym one to three times a week alongside going on regular runs. Extracurriculars also provide a good outlet; I am actively involved in the Scottish Society, with its annual Burns Supper and cinema nights.

Socialising is just as important for unwinding. Friday nights are typically spent catching up with fellow students in the bar area, and I always look forward to formal dinners with friends who come to visit. I also make a point to attend guest talks put on by the College. During the warmer months, simply sitting in the Millennium Garden with friends is the perfect way to unwind – often with a coffee or dinner from the Dining Hall.

**Daniel, BA Law
College Sports Officer**



WE WANT YOU TO GET THE MOST OUT OF CAMBRIDGE.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in clubs and societies. From rowing and rugby to choral singing and gardening, there's something for everyone.

Many of our sport-loving students compete at the highest level, representing both the College and the University at national and international events. Seventeen of our

alumni have gone on to represent their countries at the Olympic Games.

Music enthusiasts can perform regularly in College concerts. Past performances have showcased a rich variety of styles, including flamenco, Chinese folk music, jazz, and classical.

The College is also home to a Chapel Schola, unique among Cambridge Colleges, which attracts some of the finest musicians in the University.

APPLYING TO ST EDMUND'S

POSTGRADUATES

Choose your course from the Postgraduate Course Directory.

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Choose a College – you can include up to two preference Colleges on your application form.

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Apply online through the University's Applicant Portal by the funding or course deadline.

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Await the outcome of your application.



A course directory and applicant portal can be found on the University's website.



UNDERGRADUATES/ GRADUATE MEDICINE / FOUNDATION YEAR

Register for formal admissions assessment if applying for: Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, Economics, Engineering, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Graduate Medicine, Natural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine.

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Complete UCAS application. The campus code for St Edmund's is 'I'

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Complete additional application form. (My Cambridge Application **OR** Graduate Medicine Supplementary Application **OR** Foundation Year Supplementary Application Form).

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Send in examples of written work if requested.

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Complete admissions test if required.

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Attend interview if shortlisted.

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Await the outcome of your application.

Standard UCAS applications to Cambridge must be submitted in October.

If you're applying for a Foundation Year, or you will be 21 or over when your course starts and want to study at a mature College, you can apply in January, provided you're not applying for Medicine, Graduate Medicine, or Veterinary Medicine.

You can check the exact dates and deadlines on the University of Cambridge website.

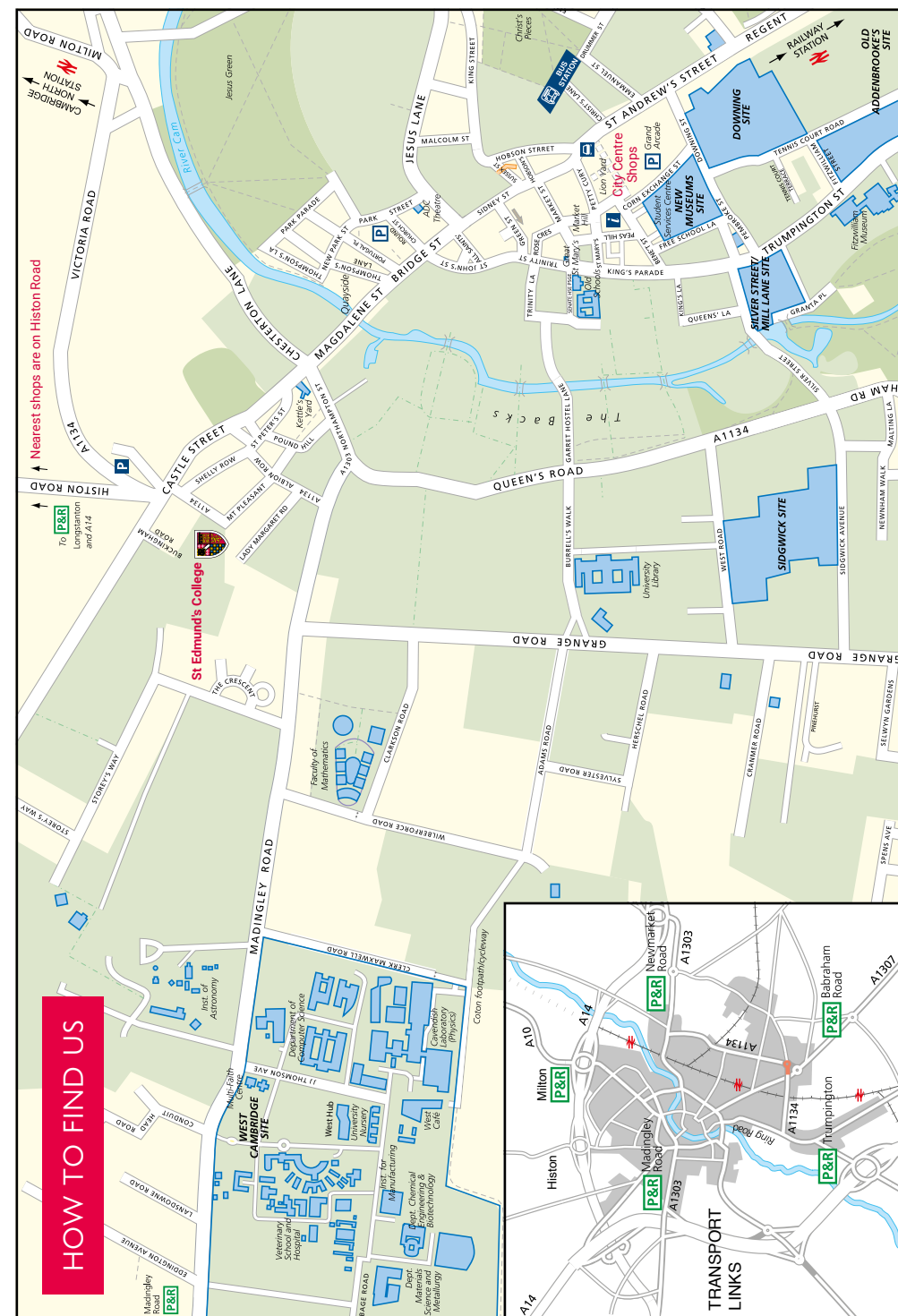


LIFE AS A STUDENT



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BA History and Politics
CR President (2025–2027)

“My workload and timetable varies from week to week! Normally, I will have about five to eight hours of taught lectures on the Sidgwick site, which is about a 15-minute walk from College. However, most of my course comprises of readings for lectures, supervisions, and seminars. I will often have around one to two supervisions per week and will prepare a 1500 to 2500-word essay for each, exploring a question set by my Supervisor. I usually work around three to four hours per day, and spend the rest of my time playing netball, rowing, or in the College coffee shop, Edspresso. Other than this, I try to spend about an hour a day on my role as CR President; whether this is replying to emails, organising events in College, or meeting fellow CR committee officers or members of staff. My weekends tend to be filled with playing for the Eddies' Netball team. Other than that, I can be found in the CR (the College-wide living room), the College bar, or walking round the backs (my favourite part of Cambridge).





Chat online to our current students

CONTACT US

The Admissions Team are happy to answer any questions you may have and can arrange for you to have a 1:1 call with the Head of Admissions.

Email us:

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www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/prospectus

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