QMCR Freshers’ Week Guide 2018

Please find the library induction dates and buttery (cafeteria) opening times at the end of this document. Minor changes may occur. Please consult the QMCR website (qmcr.org.uk) for the most up-to-date version.

**Mandatory events are in Queens’ Green.** If in doubt, please contact Yudi Ding (mcr-secretary@queens.cam.ac.uk).

**Tuesday 25 September  ————————————**

17:00 Drinks served for early arrivers in the MCR Woodville Room
If you are arriving early, then join us for some casual drinks in the MCR, followed by dinner in Cripps Hall. We will then go to The Eagle, one of Cambridge’s famous pubs, leaving from the Pledge at 19:00.

**Thursday 27 September  ————————————**

Most graduates will arrive on this day. If you’re moving into a college house or main site room, collect your room keys and university card from the College Porters’ Lodge (Plodge) in Silver Street. If you’re moving into Owlstone Croft collect your room key and university card from Owlstone Porters’ Lodge. If you’re moving into private accommodation you’ll still need to collect your university card from the College Plodge. Check your pigeon hole - you will have one in the main college Plodge and one at your place of residence!

12:00 – 16:00 Student registration in the Armitage Room (staircase FF)
Passport, visa and ID document scanning. Alternatively you can do this on Friday 28 Sept.

16:00 Tea and biscuits in the MCR Woodville Room

18:00 Butterly dinner in Cripps Hall
Dinner is served between 17.45 and 19:00 during term time. In the cafeteria you can pay with cash, or with your university card as soon as you have set up your UPAY account (see Fresher’s pack).

19:00 Visit to the Anchor Pub, leave from the Porter’s Lodge (Pledge)
Join us at 19:00 at the Pledge for a visit to the Anchor Pub and meet your fellow graduates and us – your MCR committee! The pub is right across the road from the porter’s lodge and hard to miss - join us there later if that suits you better. We will have a separate space booked for Queens’.

**Friday 28 September  ————————————**

10:00 – 12:30 Student registration in the Armitage Room (staircase FF)
Passport, visa and ID document scanning.

12:00 – 16:00 Graduate Registration, starts in QBar
This day holds some official induction events including the signing of the matriculation register, after which you are formally a student of Queens’ college. This is also when you will receive your university card. The compulsory events on this day are as follows:

12:00 Graduate tutors welcome lunch buffet in QBar

13:00 Tutors and staff welcome presentations in Fitzpatrick Hall

14:15 Signing of matriculation register in the President’s Lodge

14:30 – 16:15 Afternoon tea in the President’s Lodge’s Garden (Old Hall if raining)

18:00 Butterly dinner in Cripps Hall

**Saturday 29 September  ————————————**

11:00 – 13:30 Brunch in Cripps Hall and coffee and Grad Buddy induction in QBar
The MCR will host a Grad Buddy Q&A session in the QBar conservatory with coffee, tea and biscuits. This is the opportunity for you to meet your Grad Buddies, continuing students at Queens’ college studying subjects close to yours, and those studying at Queens’ in similar fields. You can drop in at any time after 11:00.

13:30 – 14:15 College tour with Joe Stallard, convene at the Mathematical Bridge
Have a taste of Joe’s unsurpassed love for this college and its rich history.

14:15 – 15:00 Practical Cambridge tour with Juan Sebastian Cañavera, meet at Old Gate
After some time in Cambridge, a number of practical questions may arise: where do I find a good pharmacy, some cheap electricity adaptors, or a supermarket that is...
larger than the Co-op or Tesco express? Where is the bank? Juan knows it all.

15:00 – 18:00 MCR punting and cream tea, MCR Woodville Room
We hope to see you at 15:00 for a relaxed afternoon. Cambridge is home to punting and Queens’ College owns four punts themselves (though the fleet may see a slight expansion throughout the year). As not all of you will fit into the punts simultaneously, we will serve tea and scones at the same time in the Woodville Room. The punts moor next to the Woodville Room so just come and see us there!

19:30 MCR quiz night with Hugo Hadfield and Piet Lammers, QBar
Quizmaster Hadfield regularly hosted some highly regarded quizzes throughout last year, and we hope that his attendance sets the tone for the year to come. Come join us in QBar, right after dinner.

23:00 Night out in Cambridge, leave from QBar
Cambridge would not be Cambridge without its vibrant nightlife. Join us at eleven at the Plodge for an excursion to some club of choice to be determined.

Sunday 30 September ——————————————

10:00 – 11:00 MCR run club, Owlstone Croft Plodge
A chilled run through the Grantchester meadows. No better way to explore the surroundings! Meet at 10:00 at Owlstone Croft Plodge.

11:00 – 13:00 Brunch in Cripps hall

11:00 – 13:00 Portraits on the Erasmus Lawn
Right before the matriculation photo there is an opportunity to have your portrait taken on the Erasmus Lawn, formally dressed and with gown.

13:30 Matriculation photo, Walnut Tree Court
The photo will be taken in Walnut Tree Court and the dress code is formal with gown (strictly enforced). Make sure you arrive on time and properly dressed. Options are: a black or very dark grey/blue lounge suit and necktie with a plain, long-sleeved, collared white shirt; or a very dark long-sleeved long dress; or full-length trousers with a white or black blouse. Wear black shoes of a sober style (no sandals, open-toe shoes, boots or trainers). Make sure you have your gown with you!

14:00 – 17:00 Mixer event, starts in Cripps hall
The rest of the afternoon is filled with induction events. The mixer event in Cripps hall, is followed by a scavenger hunt throughout the college and, at 4pm, a subject cluster groups meet-up with refreshments, in the Old Hall and Old Kitchens. You will be walking quite a lot, so wear sensible shoes.

19:00 Tea in the Woodville Room, followed by a film screening in the Fitzpatrick Hall
Elizabeth Weir – this year’s welfare officer – is hosting the first welfare tea of the year in the Woodville Room. This will be followed by a film screening in the Fitzpatrick hall, where we will watch a great film — to be announced! Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Monday 1 October ————————————————————

14:30 – 15:30 [TBC] Boatie Squash in Fitzpatrick hall

15:30 – 18:00 [TBC] Queens’ Societies Squash in Lyon court and QBar (Fitzpatrick Hall if raining)

20:00 Owlstone Croft BBQ in Owlstone Croft Common Room
For those who do not live in Owlstone Croft: it is a Queens’-owned graduate accommodation block on the banks of the Cam, 15 minutes walk from the main site, so many of your fellow Queens’ freshers will spend lots of time here. We are hoping for some great weather for the BBQ that we will organise from 20:00 onwards.

Tuesday 2 October ————————————————————

18:45 – 22:00 Matriculation dinner, Fitzpatrick hall, Cripps hall and Old Hall
The Matriculation dinner is free, and you will be sitting close to students and fellows in similar subjects. Drinks are served in the Fitzpatrick hall at 18:45, the dinner itself is immediately after that in Cripps hall and Old Hall (depending on course). Dress code is as for the matriculation photo, including gowns.

22:00 Drinks in QBar
Drinks will be served in QBar after the dinner.

Wednesday 3 October ————————————————————

10:00 or 11:00 Fresher’s fair at Parker’s Piece, meet at the Plodge at10:00 or 11:00.
The Fresher’s fair is a huge event at parker’s piece where many university-wide committees and university sports clubs display themselves. A great way to explore what extracurriculars to take on during your time in Cambridge. We will leave in two groups, at 10:00 and 11:00.

17:00 Tea-tasting in the MCR Woodville Room
Join Mansoor for a diverse range of finest teas and cakes!
20:00 Inter-college Bar Crawl
In the evening there will be a college bar crawl. Details to be announced!

Thursday 4 October

19:00 First MCR formal, in the Cripps Hall
Formals are organised weekly during term time, alternating between Tuesday and Thursday. These are Cambridge's signature events to socialise and meet new people – throughout the whole year, not just in fresher’s week. Dress code is formal with gowns, and booking via UPAY. See Fresher’s pack for details.

Friday 5 October

20:00 First MCR Party, starting in the MCR Woodville Room
MCR parties tend to be very, very nice and casual events. The ideal evening path after that leads into Spoons – regarded the most illustrious club in Cambridge.

Saturday 6 October

14:00 – 18:00 Visit to Grantchester, meet at the Plodge
After brunch, join us for a walk to the lovely village of Grantchester with its famous tea room and orchard where we will enjoy afternoon tea and with scones or cakes.

18:00 – 19:00 [TBC] Concert by Queens’ Grad Choir

14:00 – 15:30 LGBTQ+ Welcome Drinks in the MCR Woodville Room
Queens’ is a place where you can be yourself. We support and celebrate diversity. Susie Bower-Brown, our LGBTQ+ rep., will organise a welcome drink for our MCR’s LGBTQ+ community. All welcome!

Sunday 7 October

14:00 – 15:30 PhD meet-up in the MCR Woodville Room
Tea, coffee and cakes are served in the Woodville Room, and there will be continuing PhD students that will be able to answer any questions that you may have about PhD life and doing a PhD in Cambridge.

15:30 Critical Walking Tour, leaving from the Plodge
A tour which takes you beyond the facade of Cambridge through stories of feminist struggles, social activism and postcolonial history, led by Tobias, Ankita, Susie & Mansoor who are working on these topics at different institutions across the University.

18:00 [TBC] Choral evensong & reception with the Dean of Chapel, the Queens’ Chapel

Monday 8 October / Tuesday 9 October

18:30 President’s Lodge visit
You will be contacted directly by the President’s Secretary to arrange a visit.

Wednesday 10 October

13:30 Doug Dennis’s historical tour of Cambridge

Queens’ College Library Induction, in the Queens’ College Library
Library induction tours for graduates will take place at the following times:
From Mon 1 Oct to Thu 4 Oct 10:00 and 14:00

Introduction to the Cambridge library system, in Room CC43 (Cripps Court)
Familiarise yourself with libraries, e-resources and special collections with the college librarian. Drop in at one of the following times:
Mon 1 Oct 19:00
Tue 2 Oct 15:00
Wed 3 Oct 15:00

Cafeteria opening times (Cripps Hall)

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Please note:
The kitchens remain open with the exception of a 10 day period over Christmas and New Year and Easter weekend (unless Easter falls during the students period of residency).