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INTRODUCTIONS
Welcome!

As you trudge down Trumpington Street with nervous excitement, and step through the fine eighteenth-century gates into Peterhouse for the first time, know that you are welcome. You are joining a friendly, exuberant and quirky community of scholars who will cheer, befuddle and inspire you during your time in Cambridge. This community of scholars has been living and learning on this spot since 1284 and over the centuries included luminaries of science and arts; engineers, poets, scientists, historians, priests, writers, politicians, entrepreneurs and a Prime Minister. If you arrived here by a jet aeroplane or used a computer to book your tickets, you have Petreans to thank! Frank Whittle, the inventor of the jet engine, and Charles Babbage, an early dreamer of the digital computer, both stepped through those gates like you, ate in the hall like you will, and found inspiration in the quest for knowledge, which Peterhouse has sought to further for the last seven hundred years.

We hope that you enjoy your time at Peterhouse and the University of Cambridge. Whether you are here for one year or several, the MCR Community is here to make you feel at home. The MCR is not just a cosy room, or somewhere to collect your mail, but a place to make lifelong friends and encounter new people from around the world and with different worldviews. Never feel daunted about saying hello to someone, or asking for help. In fact, if you invest a bit of time to get to know people and join in with all the comings and goings of Peterhouse, you will be rewarded. The best ideas can come on the lilting melodies of Evensong, or during a candlelit conversation at dinner.

Everyone has been a ‘New Petrean’ before. There are no silly questions but since this is Cambridge, there may be silly answers. We have attempted to include some of the most useful tidbits of advice in this guide. If you still have questions (whether that is about arcane traditions or where the nearest place to buy a toothbrush is), have no fear in asking. Throughout your whole time in Cambridge, the MCR Committee is here to provide advice and help out if you come up against challenges. We also organise a packed calendar of social events from spectacular feasts, dinners and drinks evenings, to film nights and other quieter moments for members of the MCR to come together. We encourage everyone to get involved as much as they can.

With our warmest wishes for your impending arrival at Peterhouse,
The 2018-2019 Peterhouse MCR Committee

Daniel McKay, President
Antoine Koen, Social Coordinator
Alex Tsompanidis, First Year Representative
Sam Woodman, Treasurer
Jenny George, Social Secretary
Victor Parchment, Secretary
Adam Behan, Welfare & Equal Opportunities Officer

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The MCR Committee
The MCR Committee is an elected group of students who are responsible for representing postgraduate students and their interests within College.

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<td>As President, Daniel is responsible for overseeing the work of the Committee and the general direction of the MCR.</td>
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<td>Victor Parchment</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:mcr-sec@pet.cam.ac.uk">mcr-sec@pet.cam.ac.uk</a></td>
<td>Our Secretary, Victor, handles administrative issues and queries, both from within College and externally. He is also in charge of the MCR Discussion Suppers.</td>
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<td>Sam Woodman</td>
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<td>Sam is our Treasurer, and he is in charge of any financial matters relating to the MCR.</td>
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<td>Our two Social Secretaries, Jenny and Antoine, organise a plethora of social events throughout the whole year, ranging from swaps to film nights. Get in touch if there is a particular event you’d like to see on the calendar!</td>
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<td>Adam is the MCR Welfare Officer, and he is always reachable should you need to contact him regarding a welfare issue: he can lend a sympathetic ear and point you in the direction of helpful resources.</td>
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<td>Alex Tsompanidis</td>
<td>First Year Representative</td>
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<td>Our First Year Representative, Alex, is responsible for organising and running Freshers’ Week and making sure that our new students have as smooth a start as possible when they join Peterhouse.</td>
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Key College Contacts

When you join the College, you don’t just have to learn the names of your fellow students: there are all the College staff to get familiar with too. This table details many of the key College contacts that you might come across over your first few days, or prove helpful over the course of your studies.

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<td>The Master is at the helm of the College, and is also an active participant in MCR social events.</td>
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<td>The Master’s partner is a keen supporter of the MCR and College sport, in particular.</td>
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<td>Dean &amp; Senior Tutor</td>
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<td>The Dean is responsible for overseeing all students’ academic and personal welfare during their time at the College.</td>
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<td>Prof Connor is available to assist students with personal, academic and welfare-related issues. He serves as an advocate for the MCR in College affairs.</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Graduate Tutor for the Sciences</td>
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<td>The Graduate Tutor for the Sciences is available to assist students with personal, academic and welfare-related issues.</td>
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<td>Head Porter</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ploade@pet.cam.ac.uk">ploade@pet.cam.ac.uk</a></td>
<td>The Head Porter is responsible for running the Porter’s Lodge and ensuring the general security of the College.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Revd. Dr Geoff Dumbreck</td>
<td>Assistant Chaplain and Welfare Coordinator</td>
<td><a href="mailto:gd254@cam.ac.uk">gd254@cam.ac.uk</a></td>
<td>The assistant chaplain oversees Chapel services in College and can tell you who to contact for welfare issues.</td>
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ARRIVAL
When to Arrive

Most rooms will be available to incoming students in the final week of September. You can move in during this week whenever you prefer. However, you will need to liaise with the Accommodation Manager and inform her of your day of arrival. She will then inform the Porters, who will be expecting you at the Porter’s Lodge and who will provide you with the room key. The Accommodation Office will also calculate your rent for September based on the number of nights and your room’s monthly rate.

We strongly recommend that all students spend Sunday night (30th September) in Cambridge, as your presence is needed on Monday (1st October) for Matriculation. If you move in too late, you might not have time to purchase a gown or attend the scheduled induction talks on Monday morning.

Getting to Cambridge

If flying to the UK, it may be most convenient to fly to London airports (Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted etc.) for ease of transport to Cambridge. The closest airport is London-Stansted. Direct buses to Cambridge are available from all of those airports, with travel durations varying widely (trips of approximately 1 to 3 hours). In the case of Stansted, a direct train to Cambridge is also available (trip of approximately 30 mins). If you are coming from Heathrow, catch the London Underground (Piccadilly Line) to King’s Cross Station from where you can get one of the regular trains to Cambridge.

We recommend checking timetables and reserving your bus/train connection to Cambridge before arrival and allowing plenty of time in the day for the transfer to Cambridge.

If travelling by train, a useful website for checking train times and booking tickets is http://nationalrail.co.uk. Your destination should be “Cambridge Station”, NOT “Cambridge North”.

You can book coach travel in advance via the National Express (http://www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx) or Megabus websites (https://uk.megabus.com). Your destination should be “Cambridge – Parkside” or “Cambridge – Centre”, both of which refer to the stops by Parker’s Piece Park in the centre of town. Incidentally, these bus stops are very close to the Peterhouse residencies on Parkside and Warkworth Streets.

If you make a connection in London, we recommend the CityMapper app for all details on how to use the London underground and transfer from station to station.

Getting to Peterhouse

Once you arrive in Cambridge, you will need to pick up your room key, your University ID card and your Welcome Pack from the college. The first two will be given to you by the Porters at the Porter’s Lodge. Your pack will be in an envelope at your designated pigeonhole in the MCR. If you have any questions, do not be intimidated about asking for directions.
You can take a bus or taxi to Peterhouse or walk there. Taxis are available in front of the train station’s entrance. The taxi fare should be approximately 4 to 6 pounds. Car hire companies include: Panther Taxis (01223 715715, www.panthertaxis.co.uk), CamCab (01223 704704, www.camcab.co.uk) and Uber.

Alternatively, you could get on the blue U - Bus (Stop 8 in front the train station) and get off at the Fitzwilliam Museum, which is located immediately next to Peterhouse. A timetable for the U bus can be found online at http://www.thebusway.info/pdfs/tt/U.pdf.

After receiving your key from the Porters at the Porter’s Lodge you can proceed to your allocated room. College properties at Cosin Court and Fitzwilliam Street are in the immediate vicinity, while houses at Parkside and Warkworth Street are further away (10 to 15 minutes on foot).

If you have been allocated a room in the latter, members of the MCR Committee might be able to help you carry your luggage there, or (if you are arriving by bus to Parkside) let you into the properties before you receive your keys. Please contact mcr-first@pet.cam.ac.uk, with details of date and time, to arrange this. We will be more than happy to help!

Maps

For finding your way around Cambridge, it will be helpful to have access to a range of maps, including Google Maps of the city. Other useful maps include a map of the University, found online at https://map.cam.ac.uk to help in finding your Department, and the map of Peterhouse for finding your way around College (presented below).
In brief, the College is made up by several buildings from different centuries, which form several adjoining courts. In order of proximity to the Porters' Lodge, these are: First Court, Old Court, Gisborne Court and Fen Court. The MCR is located between staircases D and E in Old Court (marked on the map below with a red seal). The entrance to the Chapel, the Dining Hall and Upper Hall are also located in this court. The Bar and Gym are housed in the basement of the Whittle Building (the newest in the college) that is located at the back of Gisborne Court. Last but not least, the Ward library and the Peterhouse theatre are in Fen Court, across the Whittle Building.

Cosin Court which houses rooms for graduates is located across Trumpington Street, in front of the Porter’s Lodge. The entrance is through a couple of tall iron gates with crossed keys, next to the Peterhouse Hostel, which is located across the street from the Porter’s Lodge.
YOUR FIRST DAYS
Upon Your Arrival in Cambridge

Your immediate priority after your arrival should be to obtain:

- Your room key, the key to the MCR and your University ID card
- A gown. This will be needed for the Matriculation ceremony (Monday 1st October) and to attend formal dinners in Hall (details in the Gowns Section).
- A duvet and pillow(s) for your bed, since these are NOT provided by the College (details in Household Items Section).
- The Welcome Pack, including the printed rules and regulations of the College, your personal WiFi password and information on everything related to the College, from library use to dining. This will be waiting for you inside your pigeonhole at the MCR.
- Your CRSid, Raven account and @cam email address. This will be your official electronic address and all emails for MCR and college-related events will be sent there. It is usually allocated by the Department organising your specific course (details in the Computing Section).
- Your UPayChilli account based on your @cam email account, which will allow you to book and pay for events and food at the servery.

The Porters’ Lodge is on the left of the entrance gates to the college. The Porters will provide you with the key to your accommodation and also to the MCR, along with your University ID card. The University ID card can be used for, among many things, to pay for meals and to unlock various doors in College. This time in the Porters’ Lodge is also a fantastic opportunity to get to know our Porters and enquire about the purchase of second hand gowns should you be interested. Feel free to remind them to give you a key to the MCR and ask them for directions or advice about Cambridge.

After collecting your keys, pay a visit to the MCR. The MCR is located off Old Court as indicated on the College map. Here you can check your pigeonhole for a welcome pack from the Committee and other useful information. In future, your pigeonhole is where all your mail will be delivered. Your college address, to which all mail should be sent, will be as follows:

[YOUR NAME]
Peterhouse, Cambridge
CB2 1RD, United Kingdom

The porters deliver mail to the MCR at least twice a day, including Royal Mail (the UK postal system), the internal University Mail System (UMS) and parcels, which are securely kept in the Porters’ Lodge until you collect them.
Computing

Your CRSID and @cam email address. For students new to Cambridge, your ‘Common Registration Scheme Identifier’ or CRSID, and the attached @cam email address is available to you a few weeks before starting in Cambridge. You can find out your CRSID via the webpage https://jackdaw.cam.ac.uk/mailsearch/newPG. For those who have already studied at Cambridge in the past, you will keep the same CRSID and email address. The CRSID allows you to access both the University email system, called Hermes (https://webmail.hermes.cam.ac.uk), and also Raven (http://raven.cam.ac.uk), the University-wide authentication system for accounts and departmental use. Using your CRSID you can also access CamSIS (https://www.camsis.cam.ac.uk), the University’s system for managing and holding student data and transcripts.

Internet. Peterhouse has its own WiFi and you will be provided with log-in details when you arrive (in your Welcome Pack). Many of the graduate accommodation options also provide their own WiFi.

Your CRSID will allow you access to Eduroam, which enables free access to WiFi in Colleges, Faculties and Departments. Eduroam is also accessible at a range of other institutions across Europe. To register with Eduroam you will need to first note your Network Access Token at https://tokens.csx.cam.ac.uk.

Should you experience any difficulties, please contact the College Computing Office. Their opening hours are 9.00am-5.00pm.

Mailing Lists

To keep up to date with MCR events (including Freshers’ week), meetings and other items of interest, we recommend that you join the MCR mailing list. To do this please visit the MCR website and follow the instructions. Details of events and other MCR happenings will also be shared on the various MCR social media accounts listed in the MCR section. If you are having problems receiving emails from the MCR contact the MCR Secretary.

Once your computer account and Raven password are set up, please visit http://lists.cam.ac.uk to subscribe to any mailing lists that may interest you. Some recommendations include: pet-mcr, pet-junior, pet-pg and pet-all.

UPayChilli Account

The College uses the app UPayChilli to sign-up for events and for food and bar charges. To register for your account please download the UPayChilli app from the App Store, Google Play or Windows Phone Store or visit the website via desktop and set up your account with the following details:

Affiliate ID: Peterhouse

User ID: Your CRSid (your Cambridge email address ID)

This will allow you to sign up for a range of college events including Grad Halls. Details of how to use the app are provided on the UPayChilli website and the committee are also happy to help.
YOUR FIRST WEEKS
Registering with a Doctor’s Surgery

Registering with a general practitioner’s (GP) surgery is very important once you have arrived in Cambridge. This enables you to have access to doctor’s appointments and prescriptions on the NHS. The surgery at 56 Trumpington Street is closest to Peterhouse, convenient for people living in Cosin Court. Their staff includes several female doctors. You are free to register in any other medical practitioner you like and many other options can be found online or by asking the Porters. Please note that where you register is where you will need to go for your appointments.

To register you need to go in person. Be aware that once you’ve registered, it can be difficult and time-consuming to change to a different doctor’s surgery. In the first week the surgeries often set themselves up to cater for all the new students registering.

Consultations with a GP are free, but you will need to book an appointment first. Prescription medication, which you can buy at Boots or any pharmacy, costs £8.60 per item with the rest of the price is covered by the NHS.

Once you have registered, you will need to provide the Tutorial Office with all the details.

Please note that access to a GP is free for all students of the University. However, hospitalisation and testing may incur costs if you are not an EU or UK citizen. You can find more information in the following link:

https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/arriving/healthcare-uk

Dental care in the UK is provided by both the NHS and private practitioners for a cost, with the former being substantially cheaper. Although it is not compulsory, you can register with a dentist in the Cambridge area and arrange dental care or emergency cover, according to your needs.


UK Bank Account Set-up

There are various branch and account options for this in the UK. It is advised that you book an appointment with the branch you choose to bank with to set up your account. It is also advisable to bring with you a copy of your confirmation letter and a form of identification. Each branch provides slightly different benefits and drawbacks so please use some of the following links to help you compare and make your choice. Remember to ask for a student account and policies regarding overdrafts.

Register with Police

If you have been told to register with the Police by Immigration at the airport, the Police Station is located next to Parker’s Piece. You must do this within 7 days of your arrival. It requires six passport photographs, and registration may incur a fee. Please ensure that you follow the instructions given to you for this process.
University Library Borrowing Rights

For library usage and guidance please visit the library website where you will find the relevant details. New postgraduate students should find that their University ID cards are automatically registered with the University Library. However, an in-person visit at the dedicated desk is always necessary, in order for your details to be checked and your account activated. Please, keep in mind that delaying to return any borrowed books can incur substantial fees overtime.

Insure Your Belongings

It is strongly recommended that you insure your belongings, particularly if you own a computer or any valuable item. A number of insurers (e.g. Endsleigh Insurance, Campus Insurance/Student World) advertise at the Freshers’ Fair - you should expect to pay between £40 and £80 per year, so shopping around is advisable. Don’t forget to keep your room locked when you leave it – Cambridge is not free of thieves. Also check out the Immobilise website to register your laptop, bike and other valuables on a secure database: https://www.immobilise.com.

Induction Events

During your first week at Cambridge there will be a range of Welcome and Induction events for you to attend both within College and your department. To ensure you do not miss out College events, be sure to check your pigeonhole and to register with the appropriate mailing lists. The first week of term is also Freshers’ Week. This provides a range of great events to help you to get stuck in to life at Peterhouse and meet your fellow students. A Freshers’ Week Schedule is released in the weeks prior and can be found on the MCR website.

If you would like to use the Peterhouse Gym (access is free for students), you should also book a place in one of the induction events, as early as possible, because slots are limited (link: http://www.supersaas.com/schedule/S&Csessions/Peterhouse_Gym).

There are also events outside of College you may find useful in your first weeks including:

The Cambridge University Freshers’ Fair

This event run by the Cambridge University Students’ Union is a chance to meet the University’s societies and clubs and to sign up as a member. Most sports clubs, academic-related societies and other inventive societies will have stalls set up to entice you. There will be an MCR trip to the fair during Freshers’ Week and further details can be found online at https://www.cusu.co.uk.

The Graduate Union

The Graduate Union also host regular year-round events, many of which are family friendly, alongside offering a range of support services. Fun fact: the Graduate Union was founded by Greta Burkill, the wife of a Peterhouse Master in the 1950s. More information can be found online at https://www.gradunion.cam.ac.uk.
Getting Around Cambridge

For longer journeys please see our Travel section for details on rail, coach and taxi services. Once in Cambridge there are a range of ways to get around:

Walking: Cambridge is a small city and most things are accessible by foot. For information on how to get around please see our Maps section.

Cycling: Travelling by bike is very popular in Cambridge as it is a rather small and very flat city. Should you wish to purchase a bike for your time in Cambridge you can consider second-hand or buying new. Remember to also equip yourself with both front and back lights, and a substantial bike lock (‘D’ style lock is recommended). Helmets are also recommended, but are not compulsory. These items are also available from cycle shops and online. Please be aware that cycling in the dark without lights can result in a £50 police fine, and cycle-theft in Cambridge is unfortunately common.

If you are planning to use a bike, we recommend that you review the UK Highway Code’s regulations for cyclists, in the following link:


If you intend to travel by train quite frequently, it might be wise to purchase a Railcard. There are several options for discount cards including a Young Persons card for anyone aged 16 to 25. This card costs £30 for the year and offers a 1/3 off ticket prices which quickly pays for itself. Railcards may be purchased online at https://www.railcard.co.uk or at the train station; you will need to provide a passport-sized photo and your passport or a form of identification.

A Young Person’s Coachcard is also available for those aged between 16 and 26 providing 1/3 off ticket prices for £10 per year. These cards are for use on National Express services and can be purchased online at http://www.nationalexpress.com/offers/coachcards.aspx.
CAMBRIDGE CRASH COURSE
How the University Works

Cambridge is a collegiate university. This decentralised structure can be a bit confusing when you first arrive, so here’s a quick guide.

University – The overall body that awards your degree. It is made up of numerous faculties, departments and colleges.

Faculty – The University is made up of various faculties (e.g. the History Faculty, the Engineering Faculty, the School of Clinical Medicine etc). Faculties plan courses and oversee the academic side of your life in Cambridge (e.g. the allocation of a supervisor) and are often made up by different Departments.

College – The University is made up of 31 colleges. Your college (Peterhouse) provides accommodation, welfare and financial support to all of its students. Furthermore, it brings together graduate students and fellows, in order to provide teaching (via supervisions) to its undergraduate members. On-site facilities in Peterhouse include two libraries, a student bar, a gym, common rooms and a theatre.

CUSU – the Cambridge University Student Union (CUSU) is a university-wide organisation that advocates for the rights of all students of the University. Their President sits on the Council and is a Trustee of the University. CUSU also host several events pertaining to students' Welfare, organise workshops and kindly provide the Peterhouse MCR with free condoms and sanitary products. You can visit their website (https://www.cusu.co.uk) to learn more about their activities.

GU – the Graduate Union is a different organisation which focuses on the rights and welfare of graduate and mature undergraduate students within the University of Cambridge. The Peterhouse MCR actively liaises with the GU and members of our Committee regularly attend their meetings. The GU also organises events geared to older students. More details can be found on their website: https://www.gradunion.cam.ac.uk.

A note on the Cambridge Union: The term 'Union' often does not refer to any of the groups advocating for students’ rights in Cambridge but to an independent, student-run society that invites speakers and facilitates debating between students on a variety of topics. Access is restricted to its members, who have to pay to secure membership. Annual rates, as well as lifelong rate are available. It should be noted that membership of the Cambridge Union is not compulsory for students in any way. In fact, the Peterhouse MCR is organising Discussion Suppers, which offer a less competitive outlet for conversation, as well as free food and drinks, kindly offered by the Peterhouse Fellows. However, if you are a fan of competitive, Parliament-style debating, the Cambridge Union offers a rare opportunity to practice and meet like-minded people. It is the oldest debating society in the UK, as well as the largest student society in the University. More details, as well as their Term Card can be found online: https://www.cus.org.
A Brief History of Peterhouse

Peterhouse is a college of superlatives - the oldest, one of the smallest, and definitely the best. It was founded by the Bishop of Ely Hugo de Balsham in 1284. During its colourful history, Peterhouse has always tended towards eccentricity. From 1642-9 during the English Civil War it enjoyed a stint as a rare Royalist stronghold in Parliamentarian Cambridge. In 1756 the poet Thomas Gray climbed out of his Peterhouse window and fled across the road to Pembroke College, enraged by a practical joke in which his fellow Petreans faked a fire. In the nineteenth century, Peterhouse’s Hall was the second building in the country (after the Palace of Westminster) to have electric lighting installed. The Fellows swiftly decided it was a change for the worse and had the lights removed. More recently, the 1980s saw the College gain notoriety as a hotbed of both Thatcherism and homosexuality, since it housed many members of the so-called “Peterhouse right”, as well as the dinners of the Adonian society. Both of these groups have now ceased their activities within the college. In 1984 Peterhouse became the penultimate college in Cambridge to admit women. Today eccentricities live on in other forms, with the College providing an outlet for the individuality of all members of its diverse student body: male, female or non-binary, straight or gay, left or right wing, etc. We look forward to welcoming you into the mix!

Matriculation

Matriculation is held on the Monday of Freshers’ Week and marks the moment you officially become a member of the University and a lifelong member of Peterhouse! The ceremony is a longstanding Cambridge tradition and involves wearing a gown while swearing to abide by College and University rules. The ceremony takes place simultaneously for all new junior members (undergraduate & graduate students) and entails a group photograph on the Old Court’s lawn (the only instance students are permitted to walk on it unaccompanied by a fellow or elevated to a fellowship), signing the college register and reciting an oath in front of the College Master (text is provided, so there is no need to memorise anything beforehand).

Matriculation is compulsory and should be prioritised over any welcome events with which it may clash. If you haven’t acquired a gown in time for the ceremony (noon of Monday 1st October), please contact a member of the MCR, to borrow one.

The MCR (‘Middle Combination Room’)

All graduate students in Peterhouse are members of the College’s graduate society, known as the MCR. MCR members are given a key to, and pigeonhole in, the graduate common room (the ‘Middle Combination Room’ after which the society is named) on arrival, and can take part in the numerous graduate social events held in college. There are severe punishments for calling it a ‘common room’ as it is commonly referred to at Oxford.
The JCR (‘Junior Combination Room’) is the equivalent for undergraduates, who call their student society the Sexcentenary Club (aka the ‘Sex Club’). It is housed in the basement of the Whittle Building, next to the Bar. As Peterhouse is a small college, there is a lot of scope for mingling with undergraduates too. Usage of the Bar, the gym and the pool table in the JCR is permitted to all junior members of the College.

What the MCR Does
The MCR is here to support you during your time in Cambridge. We aim to provide social events that appeal to the whole spectrum of the graduate population and strongly encourage all members to get involved in our vibrant graduate community. If you have any ideas or changes you want to see, talk to the Committee!

Events are announced via the Peterhouse MCR email list as well as on the MCR Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/peterhousegraduatesociety.

What You Can Find in the MCR
- Notice boards with upcoming events
- Your pigeonhole
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Newspapers and magazines
- A television & DVD player
- Video Game consoles (PS4, Nintendo Switch, Nintendo Wii)
- A selection of books, board games and sporting equipment (tennis & squash rackets, croquet set)
- Comfortable seats
- First aid kit
- Fetching William Morris wallpaper

It is everyone’s responsibility to keep the MCR clean and tidy. Don’t forget to return anything that you borrow, and to wash up your glasses and cutlery. Messiness will be met with condemnation and repeat offenders will be sentenced to hard labour (aka washing up their mess).
The MCR Community

The MCR community may be small but is certainly vibrant and multi-national. The layout of the room facilitates discussions and is a great place to relax after a day’s work, to meet your fellow Petreans and join them later for dinner. As everywhere else in Cambridge, the discussions in the MCR may often result in lively debates amongst strong-minded individuals of various backgrounds and with different sensibilities. It is important to remember though, that the MCR constitutes a public space and that loud speakers should be gently reminded of this and persuaded to accommodate everyone’s activities in the room. The MCR Committee also has a zero tolerance policy on any instances of sexual harassment or racist, xenophobic, sexist and generally inappropriate comments. Above all we value respect. It is expected that each member of the MCR will treat each other with politeness, tolerance, forbearance and kindness. The same is expected of any guests brought into the MCR. Drunken obnoxious behaviour will also not be tolerated. For this reason, all Petreans should know that the Committee is here to ensure a safe space, address complaints and even mediate disputes with the utmost discretion. Serious matters will be referred to the Graduate Tutor. Our Welfare Officer, Adam, will also host regular drop-in events (with free treats!) for anyone who might want to vent, relay their concerns and generally complain about any failings of the Committee or the College.

Term Times

Cambridge terms are eight weeks long and, like many things round these parts, have strange names: Michaelmas (October - December), Lent (January - March) and Easter (April - June).

The long summer break (June - October) is called, rather unimaginatively, the Long Vacation.

Unfortunately, many of the provisions to students (e.g. food in Hall) are reduced or halted during Term breaks and during the Long Vacation, so MCR members should always keep a cookbook handy.

Tutors, Supervisors, and Advisors

In your Faculty - Your department or faculty will usually provide you with a main supervisor and, for PhDs, an advisor (sometimes called a second supervisor). They oversee your academic work.

In College - the Tutor for Graduate Affairs can assist you with any administrative or pastoral issues. Tutors serve as an intermediary between you and College or the University, for example if you require an extension to your study time or need to apply for additional funding.
The term ‘supervision’ in the College context refers to weekly meetings between undergraduate students (in small groups of 1 to 4, at a time) and their course supervisors. It is an essential part of teaching at the University of Cambridge and one of the main functions of the College. Supervisions are regulated by Directors of Studies (DoS) for each course, who are almost always senior members of the College. PhD students at Peterhouse may be asked to help with supervisions of undergraduate students. If you would like to explore this possibility (and earn an additional income), it is recommended that you contact the Senior Tutor, who can then direct you to the appropriate DoS and ask for any vacancies. A training course (provided by the University) is also essential to become a supervisor. Prior teaching experience is recommended.

Peterhouse Facilities

Guest rooms. Three single rooms, with shared bathrooms, in College are available to rent for £23.50 per night. Bookable through Anne Gifford (01223 338205, anne.gifford@pet.cam.ac.uk, office in L staircase).

Computer Room. Offers computers, scanning, and colour laser printing, charged via a University-wide top-up system.

Chapel. The College has a particularly vibrant and inclusive Anglican chapel. Services are well-attended by those of all faiths and none, as well as the Christian faithful. Sherry in the Combination Room is provided every Sunday after Evensong, and every term a Corporate Communion service is held followed by a free dinner. You will receive a Chapel term card with service times in your pigeonhole. The Chaplain is always available to talk to students.

Laundry. There are two college laundry rooms, one located in Cosin Court, the other in Fen Court. These can be accessed at all hours using your University ID card and cost £1.40 a load. You may also have a washing machine in your flat or house.

Discounted punt hire. The MCR has a subscription to a punt which you may book and take out for free (it also works for a kayak or a canoe following the terms and conditions of the company) from Scudamore’s; a punt operator located in the vicinity of the College, next to the Hilton Hotel. Contact the MCR Secretary for details and to arrange a booking.

You may also want to consider joining the ‘Granta Rats’, the University punting society. Membership entitles you to free punting for the rest of the academic year and costs only £20 - less than the normal cost of renting a punt once. See their website for details.

The Bar. The place to go for cheap drinks for graduates and undergraduates alike. Payment in the bar can be made in cash or added to your college bill using your student ID card. Bottles of Peterhouse port are also on sale and make nice gifts.

Gym. The gym is located in the basement of the Whittle Building. All users must have taken a gym induction before using the facilities. You can book a place by choosing a date/time slot in the following link:
Squash court. Bookable through the Porter’s Lodge. Racquets and balls are available in the MCR. Also features a table tennis table.

Croquet pitch. Located in the Scholars’ Garden, by the William Stone building. No need to book, just borrow equipment from the MCR and head on over. Failure to return equipment will be considered a grave discourtesy and punished accordingly.

College sports ground. Shared with Pembroke College and are located approximately one mile southwest of Peterhouse, towards Grantchester.

Boat House. On the river, for rowing types.

Pool table. Located in the JCR next to the Bar. Free to use.

**Sports Clubs and Societies**

Cambridge offers a wide array of opportunities to play different kinds of sport and various levels.

Serious about sport?

Trial for a University team. Peterhouse has produced many ‘blues’ (university level players) over the years, and Peterhouse members who play sport at the highest level are rewarded with an invitation to the annual Crossed Keys Dinner.

Trials generally happen in the first couple of weeks of term. If you are interested, get in touch with the relevant club at the Freshers’ Fair (we’ll take you there in Freshers’ week).

Looking for something more relaxed?

Peterhouse also has a wealth of college sports teams. As we are a small college, standards vary, but enthusiasm is always prized and new players are always welcomed. Most teams comprise a mix of beginners, people who haven’t played for a while and people who play more regularly.

**Intellectual and Arts Societies**

Thanks to generous College funding, Peterhouse is home to an unusually high number of intellectual societies. Always accompanied by free wine and nibbles, these events are open to all and a great way to mingle with undergraduates and fellows. The Politics, Perne and History Societies also host lavish annual dinners. Societies include:

The Kelvin Club. Peterhouse’s science society, named for the famous physicist Lord Kelvin, a Peterhouse alumnus (you can find a plaque marking his old room in I Staircase). Hosts three talks by scientists a term, commonly attended by numerous arts as well as science students.

Politics Society. A chance to hear and quiz notable politicians, economists and journalists in the intimate and cosy College Parlour. Past guests include Tony Benn, Shami Chakrabarti and Charles Moore.
If you are interested in joining a College team, you should attend the Amalgamated Clubs (AMALS) ‘squash’ during Freshers’ Week. This is an introductory event at which all the College captains will be present to introduce their sport/society and gather names of people interested in joining their mailing list.

History Society. Similar to the Politics Society, but with a focus on historians. Probably the best society at Peterhouse.

The Perne Club. Similar to the two previous, but hosts speakers on more general arts themes, such as literature, history and philosophy.

The Heywood Society. The College drama society which organises and funds productions in the College theatre and Deer Park. Future Sam Mendes’ take note.

Chapel Choir. The Choir sings regularly in Chapel services. They get three free formal halls a week and every year they go on tour. Auditions usually held at the start of the year (ask the College Chaplain on arrival if interested).

Peterhouse Music Society. Hosts various concerts throughout the year. A chance to perform or enjoy the talents of your fellow Petreans.

Peterhouse Wine Society. The oldest undergraduate society in the University (allegedly), Peterhouse Wine Society holds regular, inexpensive tastings. Thanks to the College’s outstanding cellars, high quality wine is assured.

Caseus Club. A rival and more prestigious society dedicated to that most worthy of foods: Cheese. The club holds regular tastings of cheeses sourced from far and wide.

The Beard Society. Peterhouse’s confusingly named (origin myths vary) Feminism Society, founded as recently as 2012. The society holds around three events (speaker events, discussion groups and film nights) a term.

In addition to this, the MCR offers regular Discussion Suppers every term, during which graduate students meet for dinner and discuss a predetermined topic with an expert Fellow.

Term cards for the above should find their way into your pigeonhole, but ask the MCR committee if you feel you might have missed something.

Meals

The most important thing to note about meals is that you have to meet a minimum spend of about £85 per term on meals in Hall (that is, from the College and excluding special dinners). If you don’t spend this, you’ll be charged it anyway, so you may as well.
During term time, breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in Hall. Dinner comes in two sittings: self-service and Formal Hall. Self-service meals are available in the Servery (F staircase, far left corner of Old Court) and then eaten in our beautiful 13th century dining hall.

For all meals, you pay per item that you order, so you can have as much or as little as you like. Breakfast is served between 8 and 9.30am on weekdays and is replaced by brunch (10.30am-1.30pm) on Saturdays. At these meals, you help yourself to a selection of hot and cold items (toast, cereal, sausage, bacon, mushrooms, potatoes, etc.). Brunch has a wider selection and a special dish, too, plus pastries. Lunch is 12-1.30pm on weekdays and dinner 5.45-6.45pm 7 days a week. Here, there will be 3 main course options (at least one of which will be vegetarian), 2 “carb” options (potatoes, rice, pasta, etc.) and 2 vegetable options. There is a salad bar and, sometimes, soup. If you have any allergies, make sure the College Nurse and the Catering Manager know and there will always be a meal that you can have – even if the chef has to prepare it specially for you.

In terms of quality, the food is reasonably good. You will soon find your favourites (and what to avoid!!) and menus are provided in advance. For many, the main attraction to going to Hall is that it provides a nice environment to socialise and make sure you regularly see friends who spend the rest of their waking hours in the library/lab.

Out of term, graduate students can go to lunch in the Hall when it’s open for staff. This is almost all the time, but you’ll be told in advance. Of course, you can cook for yourself – all accommodation has fully equipped kitchens (hob, grill, oven, fridge, freezer, etc.).

**Formal Halls**

Formal Hall is the second sitting of dinner and is served every day in term time at 7.30pm. It is usually finished by around 8.45pm. It’s a three-course meal, served to your table with coffee at the end and it costs around £6.50. The main dish is of the same quality as regular dinner. But the formal sitting is admittedly a grander occasion and an opportunity to don your gown, join fellows, undergrads and often the Master herself in sharing three courses by candlelight, in one of the oldest buildings in the UK. You must sign up for Formal Hall in advance. You do this by going to the “Events” tab on UPayChilli and selecting the day you want. Sign up closes at 1.30pm on the day of the Formal (1.30pm on the Saturday for a Sunday Formal). Sunday Formal Hall is usually a roast dinner and is well attended by MCR members.

The dress code requirement for Formal is that you wear your gown. What you wear under that is down to you, but most people go for something a little smarter: a suit, jacket and tie, or equivalent (see below for dress codes). The MCR also runs ‘MCR formals’ where we give MCR members an excuse to come to formal, sit together and have a little wine.
Drinks other than tap water are not provided at Formal, but you can bring wine (or even beer, cider or soft drinks, if you prefer – just no spirits). Wine can be bought from the bar for around £9 a bottle or you may bring your own bottle. If you do that, you have to pay corkage on it in the bar (£1.50) and they’ll put a sticker on your bottle to show that you’ve paid. Savvy savers will often reuse the same bottle with a corkage sticker on many times to avoid paying again! The bar wine is usually decent but quite variable, so remember your favourites. Supermarkets often have fantastic offers on wine to encourage footfall, so it may be worth bringing your own. If a whole bottle sounds rather too much wine for you and you can’t find anyone to share with, Cambridge Wine Merchants (opposite King’s College) has a good selection of half bottles. They also have an excellent selection of wine full stop, but will be more expensive (but usually better) than a supermarket.

You can bring up to 6 guests to Formal Hall, or up to 12 with a dining permit (email Matthew Speller, the Manciple, for this). You should note that while your Formal ticket counts towards your minimum spend, guest tickets do not. With the guest charge and VAT, guest tickets are about £10.

The MCR also organises special dinners. These don’t count towards the minimum canteen spend. We have two Grad Halls and one Super Hall per term. Grad Halls are either in Upper Hall or the Combination Room and Super Halls in the main Hall. Grad Halls are smaller, in terms of the number of attendees, and a little more expensive than Super Halls but they are generally of a higher quality. Super Halls are, as the name suggests, of a higher quality than that served in regular dinner/Formal. Super Halls and Grad Halls are three-course dinners, served to your table. There is often a fourth course at a Super Hall. You pay for your food (£18 for a Super Hall and £23.50 for a Grad Hall) and the MCR pays for the wine, pre-drinks and post-drinks. They are a very good deal and they are the highlights of the social calendar for the term. Guest ticket allowances vary, but this is communicated by email beforehand.

The Peterhouse May Ball

Most Cambridge colleges host May Balls to celebrate the end of the exam season and of the academic year. These events take place during May Week, which corresponds (paradoxically) to the second week of June. In 2019, Peterhouse students will also be organising a May Ball on 21 June, which is expected to be a lavish and extravagant affair, with all-inclusive drinks, food and music provided throughout the night. Peterhouse May Balls are somewhat different to other colleges’, since they are held biannually and tend to be more formal. More details will be released by the organising Committee in the months leading up to the event. Places will be available for booking first to Peterhouse students, who can also obtain guest tickets at a slightly higher rate.

If you would like to attend this event (which is by no means mandatory), a timely consideration should be made of its considerable cost, as both tickets (estimated to be around £200) and the appropriate dress will be expensive (White tie preferred – see below). In other words, if you would like to attend, it’s advisable that you save enough money during the year!
Dress Codes

Some events in Cambridge have a dress code. While this may sound a little daunting, it's more of a fun excuse to don your finery. A brief guide is below, and the definitive guide can be found at http://www.debretts.com/expertise/etiquette/dress-codes. For MCR-organised events, dress codes are strictly advisory. No-one will be turned away because of what they're wearing (unless it's obscene or offensive), although the dress code will indicate what most people will be wearing. Naturally, we can't make promises for other events, including those organised by Peterhouse.

Academic Dress – Gowns

Your gown is required for formal academic events, such as Matriculation, and also when you are attending Formal or if you are reading in chapel. For those under 24 without a Cambridge degree, you should wear a BA status gown. This is a BA gown but with the two silk ribbons tucked in. Those over 24 without a Cambridge degree wear an MA status gown (MA gown with the ribbons tucked in). You will be told if you hold MA status.

Those holding degrees from Cambridge wear the gown of the highest degree they hold (a note to people joining us from the JCR – this does mean you need a new gown, at least to graduate in). If you’re in any doubt about which gown you should wear, contact the Praelector or speak to the Porters. When you hire your hood for graduation (details will be provided when you sign up to graduate), you can ask the shop you’re hiring from to check you have the right gown – they will know.

The Porters have a small number of second-hand gowns available for sale, as does the Graduate Union. Ryder and Amies, opposite the Senate House, sells both new and used gowns. Ede and Ravenscroft sells new gowns and is considered more high-end (i.e expensive). Both shops may also offer discounts in the beginning of Term, so it is advisable to keep an eye on their websites. Prices vary by gown type, but a second-hand BA gown will cost £45-£55. These can then be sold back to the Porters at the end of your time in Cambridge for about £15-£20. You may also hire an academic gown from the Graduate Union for £10 per week. There prices correspond to polyester gowns, which are the norm in the student community. Additional fabric options are available if you would prefer to invest in a higher quality gown.

For more in-depth descriptions and a size chart, please visit the following link:

https://www.gradunion.cam.ac.uk/facilities/gown-shop/gown-guide

Lounge Suit

For those wearing a suit, this is quite easy. It’s a regular suit, of the sort you might wear to work, a collared shirt and tie and formal shoes. Preferably black shoes. For Matriculation, you will need to wear a dark suit, dark tie, white shirt and black shoes. These are the most versatile lounge suit options and are always useful. Of course, lighter suits, brighter ties and funkier shirts are acceptable unless stated otherwise (so not at matriculation). For those not wearing a suit, a semi-formal dress or skirt is recommended.

At Peterhouse: A lounge suit is the preferred option for Formal dinner, as well as the Matriculation ceremony, when combined with a gown. It is also optional for other dinner events in the College (e.g. Discussion suppers & Super Halls).
**Black Tie**

This is the most common Cambridge dress code. For males, it requires, as a minimum, a bow tie, a white collared shirt (a wing collar or regular collar is fine) and a dinner jacket (aka a tuxedo) with satin (or equivalent) lapels. The bow tie and dinner jacket need not be black, but these are the most common colours and the safest options. Peterhouse bow ties are available from Ryder and Amies. Strictly speaking, the trousers that go with a dinner jacket are different too, but suit trousers that match your jacket would be more than acceptable. Formal, preferably black, shoes should be worn. If you don’t yet own black tie, M&S, Zara and Moss Bros sell them relatively cheaply, and have luxury ranges too. John Lewis, TM Lewin and Charles Tyrwhitt (all in the Grand Arcade) also sell dinner suits, but are more expensive. If you want to learn how to tie a self-tie bow tie, this video is excellent. The equivalent female attire for black tie is an approximately knee-length dress (often called a cocktail dress). You may wish to wear a jacket or bolero to more formal occasions. If you are coming from a country with your own national formal dress you are more than welcome to wear it on these occasions.

At Peterhouse: Black tie is the preferred option for Grad Halls and for this reason it is worn quite often by MCR members.

**White Tie**

White tie is something that most people would hire, as it’s so rarely worn. It involves a tail coat, waistcoat (a sort of waistcoat with no back), dress shirt and dress trousers. If you’re interested in hiring it, or even buying it, we suggest going to Moss Bros or Ede and Ravenscroft (the latter is much more expensive) and letting them sort you out. The online outfitters Dobells also provides economical formalwear.

The female equivalent for white tie is a full-length dress. Evening bags are small and elbow-length gloves are traditionally worn, but not essential.

At Peterhouse: This would be the preferred dress code for the biannual Peterhouse May Ball.

**“Optional” and “Preferred”**

The word “optional” is rather misleading in Cambridge. It does not mean the dress code can be ignored, but rather that you may go one level down in formality on the dress code scale (see below) if you wish. “Preferred” means the same thing, but indicates a higher preference for the more formal style of dress – which is what most people will be wearing.

Ranking of dress codes, from most formal to most casual: white tie, black tie, dark suit/dark tie/white shirt (a la matriculation), lounge suit.

**Around Cambridge**

**Food**

There are a range of small supermarkets in Cambridge centre, and larger superstores a bit further out of town. Some options are listed below:
Clothes
There are a multitude of clothing stores in the city centre to help you find whatever you need. There are cheaper options, typical high street shops, more specialist outfitters and some very good second-hand stores. Some options for basic items are listed below:

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Books and Stationery
For options beyond the library for obtaining books, we recommend the use of Amazon for book and stationery needs. Should you wish to shop in person, there are a range of suitable stores listed below:

Please be advised that Alcohol Licensing Laws do not allow smaller supermarkets to provide alcohol in the evenings. Head to the Sainsbury’s superstore if you would like to purchase alcohol or food after 8pm. Or to a pub.
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**Electricals**

There are a range of stores for different types of electronics in Cambridge, below we have listed a few, but please try to research online before choosing where to purchase.

**Household Items**

For items such as cooking equipment, storage, decorations, cleaning supplies etc. we have listed a range of stores that sell such household items.

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Please be advised that prices vary considerably according to the store. For example, John Lewis is quite high end and expensive, whereas somewhere like Argos offers much cheaper alternatives. Similarly, TK Maxx is more of an outlet store, rather than a high-end boutique. If you would like specific advice on where to purchase items from, feel free to ask the Committee!
**Bikes**

There are numerous options for purchasing bikes in Cambridge, both for new and second hand. We have included a list of shops where you can compare both of these options.

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**Entertainment**

There is a wealth of options for entertainment around Cambridge to suit all styles. We recommend looking into Societies that may interest you for group outings, talks and meetings and have compiled a brief list below of some venues that may be of interest. During Freshers' Week you will also be introduced to a range of places around town to spend your free time.

- If you are a cinephile, there are several deals and offers to save money. The Picturehouse offers a membership card with several perks (including free membership tickets) and a discount for any food items purchased on-sight. Vue Cinema (located near the residencies at Parkside and Warkworth Street) also offers cheaper tickets every Monday!
There is no shortage of quirky Cambridge and British traditions and events to enjoy over the year from rowing Bumps, to hearing choirs sing and gawking at fireworks on Guy Fawkes Night. All throughout the year during term you can go to services of Choral Evensong not just at Peterhouse but all colleges, with the world famous choirs at King’s College and St John’s especially worth going along to hear. Many of them also perform concerts throughout the year with different repertoires or perform at special events like Trinity’s concert on the river, or St John’s choir singing from the tower on Ascension Day. Rowing Bumps in Lent and Easter terms are worth taking a picnic to and provide four terrific days of entertainment. There are also various other events which happen from time to time like ceremonial reenactments of medieval fairs, so it’s worth keeping an eye out for them.
TROUBLESHOOTING
Brief Links to Support Options in Cambridge

MCR Welfare: https://www.peterhousemcr.co.uk/welfare

Peterhouse Health and Welfare: https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/health-and-welfare

Cambridge University Welfare and Wellbeing: http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/welfare-and-wellbeing

Cambridge University Counselling service: https://www.counselling.cam.ac.uk

Cambridge University Students’ Union Life & Welfare: http://www.studentadvice.cam.ac.uk/welfare

Financial

If you are struggling financially, there are multiple options you can consider. Firstly, you can ask for an interest-free overdraft at your bank, which is often granted to graduate students with a UK bank account (check your bank’s requirements). MCR members at Peterhouse also have the opportunity to earn extra cash by helping with college events (e.g. admissions exams for undergraduate candidates), becoming an undergraduate supervisor (see above), staffing the College bar or working as a Ward library assistant. If personal, unforeseen circumstances ensue, you should speak to the Graduate or Senior Tutor, as they may be able to help. There are a surprising number of additional sources of income around that are open to applications from graduate students, including hardship funds, College and University scholarships, prizes, and the Crane’s Charity (assistance with medical costs). Due to the fractured nature of the University you can simultaneously apply for funding from College, the University itself and any of the funding bodies associated with your subject. You should note though, that some funds are not always available to overseas students (and vice versa). You might find the University’s funding search helpful: http://www.student-funding.cam.ac.uk.

You should ask your College Tutor directly for funding to attend international conferences or conduct field work. Many private donors to Peterhouse specifically provide funding for these purposes. If the claim exceeds 500, it is advisable to seek alternative sources of funding, as applications to more than one donor tend to be more successful.

Peterhouse also provides the opportunity to apply for grants which facilitate traveling specifically for non-academic purposes (but not to fund a trip back home). Most students who apply are successful at least once during their course. The College may place a cap per grant but that varies from year to year. The ultimate purpose is for students to make the most of their time in University, take an opportunity to unwind and expand their horizons.

Academic

There are a lot of academic issues that can crop up unexpectedly during graduate study, including competition within a research group, ownership of intellectual property, or discovering that someone else has already written your thesis. Ideally, your supervisor would be the first port of call.
However, that doesn’t help if your supervisor is the source of your problems. As an alternative to your supervisor, you might prefer to discuss the issue with colleagues in your department, or other graduates on your course. At a more formal level, you might approach your course convenor or Director of Studies, or one of the other lecturers in your department. This is a situation in which the College system can be of a lot of help, in particular your Tutor. Your Tutor is there to help you resolve both administrative and academic issues you might be facing while undertaking your degree. If your grievance is serious and you are thinking of taking action, your Tutor (whom you should really contact before the situation becomes that serious) will be able to advise you or to act as an intermediary with the appropriate party. No action would be taken without your agreement. The University and the College have policies that cover racial and sexual harassment and bullying.

Accommodation

Since we have a bit more freedom as graduate students, College is occasionally not aware of problems in accommodation, particularly if you live further away from college. Whilst maintenance and housekeeping would very much like to maintain our properties and ensure our living conditions are decent, it is up to students to inform them of any issues.

Contact the Accommodation Officer with questions or concerns about the room you’ve been assigned in College. Maintenance usually deals with minor problems within a few working days and you can email problems to them at fixit@pet.cam.ac.uk. If you have an urgent maintenance problem, e.g. problems with the house fuse-box, it is easiest to contact the Porters.

Whereas the undergrads regularly clear out of their rooms during the holidays (during which time they can be fully cleaned), graduate students tend to remain in their rooms throughout the year. Therefore if you have something that needs deep cleaning, like your carpet or curtains, and you know you are going to be away for a week, then email/talk to Maintenance or Housekeeping saying what you need done and when you’ll be away (or not bothered by their intruding).

One thing you have to come to terms with when living in college accommodation is that various members of the college do have access to your rooms, and may come in to check electrical appliances or fix things. It is now Peterhouse policy to email residents beforehand or retroactively give notice as to when maintenance such as fire alarm checks will be done.

Personal

In College, the Committee, your Tutor, and the Dean can always offer a listening ear or help when it is needed. Adam is our dedicated Welfare Officer (mcr-welf@pet.cam.ac.uk). The College Nurse (nurse@pet.cam.ac.uk, 338222) is also an excellent listener.

We also have a College-based Counselling Service at 1 St Peters Terrace (room 4). Please note that this is not a drop-in service, and sessions must be booked with the counsellor in advance. Appointments are available every Friday, from 9am to 5pm, by applying using the form in the following link:

https://www.counselling.cam.ac.uk/cbccouns/peterhouse
Outside College, there is the University Counselling Service (332865). In a crisis during term time there is Linkline, the student crisis-line (744444). Alternatively, the Samaritans (364455) will listen anytime, 24 hours a day and can be visited without appointment at their office near the Bus Station at 4 Emmanuel Road. You can also consult the Graduate Union for help in any problems you may encounter.
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