Parentheses should be ignored by the non-classically-minded. Everyone should ignore an apostrophe. Any likeness between characters mentioned and real persons, dead or alive, human or non-human, is entirely unintentional.

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23. Side entrance at the end of a misleading walkway? (6,4)
25. Gallery one discovered in part of Lent Term. (4)
26. Terms for North-Eastern studies. (5)
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6. Old dosh is really posh. (3)
7. Want fewer short pricks. (7)
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19. Price one might pay waiter to work topless, locked up? (7)
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22. Get warm and excited? (3,2)
24. Rugby male’s hard stuff. (3)
Solutions:

1. Local girl (divine) gets funding. (3,6) ‘Thea’ is the (divine) girl, who gets funding when ‘grant’ is placed between the ‘e’ and ‘a’, yielding one of Peterhouse’s locals, The Granta.

5. Shilling in cash for Old Master. (5) A shilling is abbreviated to ‘s’, which when put in ‘coin’ (cash) makes Cosin, Master of Peterhouse 1635–1643 and 1660

9. Part of chapel, maybe, where one might relax, lying back, to get energy. (4) An apse is part of a chapel (though, admittedly, not ours.). One might relax in a spa, which, after being written backwards and getting ‘e’ for energy, yields ‘apse’.

10. Archimedes, for example, put up with the Queen in college. (10) Archimedes was (at the time of publication) the Chaplain’s Pet, ER (Elizabeth Royal) is the Queen and if you ‘put someone up’ you ‘house’ them, making ‘Peterhouse’.

12. Tricks sure do scam punters. (10) Tricking (ie. rearranging) the letters ‘sure do scam’ gets you ‘scudamores’ (ignoring, as instructed, the apostrophe).

13. Achras, in the middle of the college bar, drunk, could be a problem for the Chaplain? (4) I am Achras, and the middle of the college bar (the Plevy bar) consists of the letters ‘lev’. When the letters ‘ilev’ are rearranged (‘drunk’) you get the word ‘evil’. The definition of the clue refers to the Problem of Evil in Christian Theology.

14. Pet cat begins taking everything from Kendall, who dropped a point copied. (8) The pet in question is ‘Mimi’ and ‘cat’ begins with a ‘c’. If you take ‘all’ (everything) from ‘Kendall’, who has also dropped ‘n’ (a point on a compass) you are left with the letters ‘ked’. Put it all together to get ‘mimicked’.

16. MCR hid a note for millenia. (6) Grads (alias, the MCR) hide the letter ‘n’ to make ‘grands’.

18. Degree? Maybe, but have Easter and Long Vacations primarily amongst family. (6) Easter and Long Vacation primarily clues the letters ‘elv’, which, when amongst ‘kin’ spell ‘Kelvin’, a temperature metric named after a Petrean.

19. Feeble Little St Mary following a knight after church. (8) ‘Little St Mary’ is also known as St Mary the ‘Less’. When she follows ‘in’ (a, or one, knight) after ‘ch’ (church), it spells ‘chinless’, meaning feeble.

20. Decorated expansion of $(1 + 100e^{500})$? (4) The‘ expansion’ in question is one into roman numerals (mathmos look away!), making ‘iced’ or decorated.

21. Sitting in the dining room after the start of lunch which was dedicated to graduate? (6,4)

23. Side entrance at the end of a misleading walkway? (6,4)

25. Gallery one discovered in part of Lent Term. (4)

26. Terms for North-Eastern studies. (5) ‘North’ is abbreviated to ‘n’ and ‘eastern studies’ clues ‘AMES’ (the degree), for another word for ‘terms’ - ‘names’.

27. Senior member hides French gold in accommodation block for his own reception? (5,4)

Down:

2. Who spills hot rice around no-good kitchen and tells you to clean it up? (9) Hot rice needs to be ‘spilt’ (rearranged) with the letters ‘y,p’ (‘gyp’ with no ‘g’ for good) to make the word hypocrite, who would tell you to clear it up if they had indeed made a mess!
3. Good study, say, leaves you wanting more. (5) ‘G’ for good, followed by ‘reed’ (a homophone of ‘yields ‘greed’).

4. Diderot utterly gives up, in part having been spoken to by Hampton? (7) If you write upwards ‘diderot utterly’ you will find the word ‘tutored’ in the middle, which is presumably what has happened if the Senior Tutor has spoken to you.

6. Old dosh is really posh. (3) Sou is an old French currency, ‘so’ is the synonym for ‘really’ and ‘u’ is short for ‘upper-class’.

7. Want fewer short pricks. (7) ‘Need’ means ‘wan’; and ‘fewer’ short yields ‘les’, making ‘needles’ (pricks!).

8. A really tired setter abbreviated his handiworks? (4) Arts, with thanks to eagle-eyed solvers.

10. Leader around university prepares pink vegetable. (7) Our leader is our PM, around U yields pum, solvers should then ‘prepare’ the letters of ‘pink’ to make ‘pumpkin’.

11. Costume deliveries before white-tie event which hasn’t started. (7) ‘Deliveries’ form an ‘over’ (from cricket). The white-tie event is the ball, which hasn’t started so remove the ‘b’ to make ‘overall’, a costume.

15. Against Dean I finally capitulated, perplexed and overwhelmed. (7) Against should be read as ‘v’, and the letters ‘d,e,a,n,i’ should be added along with ‘d’ (the last letter of ‘capitulated’. When these are ‘perplexed’ you get ‘invaded’ a near synonym of ‘overwhelmed’.

16. A pained expression made by Bachelor of Divinity leaving Cambridge upset. (7) When ‘BD’ (batchelor of Divinity) leaves ‘Cambridge’ and the letter are scrambled, you get the word ‘grimace’.

17. One who lays waste to park containing well trimmed latifundia. (9) One who lays waste is a ‘desolater’, which is made by ‘deer’ containing ‘so’ (‘well’) and ‘lat’ (trimmed latifundia!).

18. On vacation, Kendall, at home, finally, reading about a very exotic language! (7) When ‘Kendall’ is vacated, you get the letters ‘k,l’. When someone is at home they are ‘in’, ‘finally reading’ clues the last letter of ‘reading’ and ‘on’ is a synonym for ‘about’. Put it together and you get a very exotic language indeed.

19. Price one might pay waiter to work topless, locked up? (7) The price one might pay a waiter is ‘corkage’, which consists of ‘work’ without the first letter in ‘cage’.

21. Offensive houses found in local countryside. (4) ‘Fens’ are housed in ‘offensive’ and are found in the local countryside.

22. Get warm and excited? (3,2) Double definition, ‘hot up’.

24. Rugby male’s hard stuff. (3) ‘RU’ for ‘rugby’ and ‘m’ for male makes some ‘hard stuff’ (rum).