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Welcome to the University of Cambridge and St. Catharine’s College! Established in 1473, St. Catharine’s (colloquially referred to as “Catz”) is one of Cambridge’s older colleges. We are made up of a close-knit community of approximately 70 fellows, 150 graduate students and 410 undergraduates. As a graduate student, you are automatically a member of the Middle Combination Room (MCR). This denotes both a room in the College where graduates can meet and socialize, as well as the community of graduates at the College. The MCR is overseen by the MCR Committee, which comprises student-elected representatives who look after the academic, social and personal interests of the Catz graduate community. The Committee is dedicated to attending to your needs and concerns about your studies here, and will be bringing you frequent, varied and fun activities throughout the year in College and around Cambridge!

To help you get acquainted with the College and the University, we have prepared this Welcome Pack. The pack contains, amongst other things, a list of what you should do when you arrive in Cambridge, useful online links and contact details, as well as information on accommodation, dining, fees and funding, sports and societies, and your Freshers’ Week timetable! You will also soon be contacted by your college parent, who is a current member of Catz MCR who has volunteered to ease your transition into Cambridge life. Your parent is someone you can talk to and they will be more than willing to answer any questions you might have about Catz, the university and Cambridge more generally! You will have an opportunity to meet your college parent, the Committee and other MCR members during the numerous social events we have organised for Freshers’ Week – so make sure you come out to as many events as possible to join us and introduce yourselves!

We very much look forward to meeting you and helping you have a wonderful, fun and studious year at Catz!
PS. Join the facebook groups!
https://www.facebook.com/groups/stcatharinescollegemcr/
https://www.facebook.com/mcrbops/

- The St. Catharine’s College MCR Committee (2019-20)
Oli, Jess, Alex, Nathaniel, Callum, Charlotte, Souradip, Adrian, Francisco, Polly and Anna.
Hi, and Welcome to Catz! I’m Oli, a second year PhD student in Theology (or ‘Divinity’, if you want to be fancy about it). This is my second year in Cambridge and also my second on the Catz MCR committee, so I look forward to seeing what this year will have in store for us all!

As Jess has said, our job as co-presidents (along with the whole committee) is to make sure that your experience as members of Catz MCR is as easy, fun, stimulating and enjoyable as possible. We are particularly keen to make the MCR a warm, welcoming, and supportive community, and above all we are here for you, so please don’t hesitate to get in touch with any suggestions, comments or concerns about your life as grad students at Catz.

Looking forward to meeting all our 2019 freshers, and here's to an excellent academic year 2019-20!
Meet the MCR Committee

ALEXANDER EATON
Treasurer  mcr.treasurer@caths.cam.ac.uk

Welcome to Catz! I'm Alex, and I'll be your MCR treasurer for the year. I'm a second year PhD student in Physics studying quantum materials such as high temperature superconductors and topological insulators.

As the treasurer, I manage the budget, represent the financial needs of students to the College and prepare reports on financial matters to the committee. If you have any questions or suggestions, then please do get in touch!

SOURADIP MOOKERJEE
Computing  mcr.computing@caths.cam.ac.uk

I'm Souradip and this is about to be my fifth year at Catz - I'm on the MB/PhD programme which means that I was here for undergrad and I'm now studying for a medical degree and a PhD (in haematology and stem cells) at the same time. I've had a great time so far and I hope you do too!

Who can imagine university life without their computer these days? Picture this scene. Your phone isn't set up to get your university emails. You miss an important one from your supervisor. You find out a week too late to do anything about it. Terrible, right? But fear not, this year I'll be your computing officer - which means I'm happy to help get your technology to work for you instead of against you!

I'll be maintaining the website and other equipment like the TV in the MCR! Let me know if you need any help, especially if it involves connecting your phone/laptop to the university's email and file space! I'm also involved with the university student-run computing facility so let me know if you need any help running your own website or mailing list!
Welcome to Cambridge! My name is Polly and I am joint social secretary for Catz this year. I’ll introduce myself... I am beginning my second year of my PhD in Biological Sciences, based at Babraham Research Campus. I was new to Cambridge last year but I have loved every second of it and I hope you do too!

What to expect from your social calendar at Catz: the Cambridge classics, i.e. copious amounts of wine and cheese; themed nights involving fancy dress and cheesy decorations; and bar swaps with other colleges (a good chance to explore outside the Catz empire). Please, do get in touch if you have any questions. We are all looking forward to meeting you at Freshers Week!!

Hello! I’m Anna and I am one of your social secs this year. I am going into the second year of my PhD in Biostatistics, based at Addenbrookes - where I’m trying to develop statistical methods to find out what genetic variants (mutations) are causing diseases.

I’ll be working alongside my young farmer friend, Polly, to ensure you have a super fun year. You’ll be seeing A LOT of us in freshers week and throughout the year but feel free to contact us via email or the MCR facebook page if you have any questions! Expect lots of wine and cheese, bops, quiz nights, karaoke and Cambridge pubs. Can’t wait to meet you all!
Meet the MCR Committee

NATHANIEL TYE
Formal Hall  mcr.formalhall@caths.cam.ac.uk

Hello and welcome to the college! I’m Nathaniel, a second-year postgrad at Catz, starting my PhD student on the Graphene Technology CDT after finishing my masters. I’m exploring the properties of 2D and layered materials for computing applications, such as making a neural network on a chip to make machine learning algorithms run more efficiently. Hopefully without accidentally building a Terminator...

On the MCR committee, I’m your Formal Hall officer: bearer of port, pourer of prosecco and plebeian butcherer of Latin grace. I’m responsible for organising and running formal hall, the Harry Potter-esque candlelit dinners we hold on Thursday evenings, as well as themed formals (e.g. Christmas & Halloween) and swaps with other colleges. Formals are a unique part of the Cambridge experience and a great way to celebrate birthdays, special occasions, or just for fun, and will (hopefully) be amongst your fondest memories of Cambridge in years to come. If you have any special dietary requirements or requests, drop me an e-mail and I’ll see what I can do!

CHARLOTTE GUFFICK
Welfare  mcr.welfare@caths.cam.ac.uk

Hello all! I’m Charlotte and I will be your Welfare Officer this year. As welfare officer I aim to provide a regular safe-space for discussions about student welfare and run events dedicated to self-care, including a weekly yoga session free for all Catz MCR members. I will also be available if you just need someone to talk to along with supporting the college’s equal opportunities policies and letting you all know about welfare events happening around the university. I’m a second year PhD student based in Pharmacology, studying drug efflux pumps in bacteria with the aim to design new antibiotics. This is only my second year at Catz but the college and the people of the MCR provide such a friendly and welcoming environment that it already feels like home. I hope as a committee we can provide the same feelings for you! Do not hesitate to contact me by my email above or to come and talk to me in person, via my pigeon hole or through the anonymous Raise an Issue page on the MCR website with any questions, big or small. Life as a post-grad at Cambridge can be stressful but also a lot of fun! I am looking forward to a great year with you all J
Meet the MCR Committee

FRANCISCO HUHN
Green  mcr.green@caths.cam.ac.uk

Welcome to Catz! I’m Francisco and I am a third-year PhD student at the Department of Engineering. At Catz, I have been the basketball team captain, as well as the president of the gardening society, and this year I will be the MCR green officer. Shortly put, my objective as green officer is to make the college (facilities *and* people) greener. I plan on raising awareness about the various impacts that our lives and actions have on the environment, as well as working with the college to reduce our ecological footprint.

Feel free to get in touch with me about any "green" ideas that you might have and I look forward to meeting you all!

ADRIAN MURGOCI
LGBT  mcr.welfare@caths.cam.ac.uk

Hello! I am Adrian, a second year PhD student, based in the Department of Chemistry. My research focuses on a biological polymer named PAR (aka Poly(ADP-Ribose)) and its involvement in cell death, organizing cellular architecture and biomineralisation of bones and arteries. This is actually my sixth year in Cambridge, as I was an undergrad here before, so Catz is like home to me. It’s really the best college ever (just saying...).

I will be the LGBTQ+ officer this year. This role is fairly new in the MCR committee; therefore I will do my best to provide support for all LGBTQ+ issues, such as welfare, discrimination, and networking. I will also be responsible for organizing swaps in collaboration with fellow LGBTQ+ officers from other colleges and announcing matters related to the interests of LGBTQ+ members of the MCR. I know that for some people confidentiality is essential, so I will find means to be contacted anonymously and offer help for your LGBTQ+ issues without compromising your identity.
Meet the MCR Committee

In addition to the current committee members, there are a number of roles as yet unfilled, so if you feel like getting stuck right into college life and you think a committee role might be for you, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with one of the co-presidents - we’d really love to hear from you!

Currently vacant positions include: Secretary; Food and Drink Officers (responsible for various food and drink related things, works closely with the formal hall officer); BME Officer; Women’s Officer; Education Officer (responsible for organising fellows’ and grads’ seminars among other things); and 4th year officer (exclusively available to those in their 4th undergraduate year).

CALLUM WATSON
Accommodation  mcr.accomodation@caths.cam.ac.uk

Hello and welcome! I'm Callum, and I'm your accommodation officer. My job is to make sure Catz’s accommodation is in order and to negotiate rents with the college. If you're in college accommodation and anything is wrong with it that can't be resolved with a maintenance request, do please send me an email.

I’m in the second year of my PhD in Applied Maths and have been here since 2014. Other trivia: I have involuntarily been in the River Cam four times, and have a Bacon number of 3.

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**Freshers’ “To-Do List”**

**When You Arrive: Collect Keys & University Card**

If you are living in College accommodation, your College (ASSA) key will open the main door to your residence (see p. 17-22) and your room door. Your room key must be collected from the Porters’ Lodge at College. Your ASSA key also opens multiple doors in college, including the door leading from the fellows’ car park to the MCR, the bike shed gate under the fellows’ car park, the door to the Bull building which houses the Rushmore Room and the main front door to college (when it is locked at around 11 PM). It also lets you into all of the other graduate accommodation buildings (except Barton Road), and the sports centre located next to the South Green Lodge accommodation. You do not need a key to access the staircases around main court, including C staircase; the Graduate Administrator’s (Angela Abbott) office is in C1.

Increasingly, doors within college are becoming card accessed. Your university card opens doors to the Middle Combination Room (MCR), the pigeonhole room, the bar and the college libraries, as well as the Porters’ Lodge (outside of peak hours). Additionally, your department may activate your university card to allow you access to your department’s buildings and rooms. Your University card also grants you access to the University Library (UL), all Cambridge Colleges and the Botanic Gardens to visit (when open to the public), and student discounts in participating shops and restaurants (be sure to inquire about these at the till!). Lastly, once you have set up a cashless account with Upay, you can also pay for meals in the dining hall by swiping your university card (see p.25). You should carry your university cards at all times.

**Porters’ Lodge**
Address: Trumpington St., Cambridge
CB2 1RL
Tel. No.: +44 (0) 1223 338300
E-mail: plodge@caths.cam.ac.uk

**Check Pigeonhole**
The mail room is located below the Porters’ Lodge and is accessed using your ASSA key. You are expected to check your pigeonhole at regular intervals, as this is your primary point of contact. If you are away from College for a while, please ask the Porters to have your mail forwarded. Special delivery and parcels are withheld by the Porters in the Lodge—look out for a notification email from the when your parcel has arrived!
Buy a Gown

Gowns are worn for certain ‘formal’ occasions; you will need one for Matriculation. Gowns are also worn at Formal Hall (unless specified), in Chapel during services and for graduation. They may be bought new or second-hand from some Cambridge tailors (such as Ede and Ravenscroft or Ryder and Aimes), or through the Graduate Union. If you already have a degree from Cambridge use the gown of your highest degree. Graduates who haven’t got a previous degree from Cambridge wear either a BA gown (under 24) or an MA gown (24 and over).

Register With A GP And Dentist

Below is a short-list of conveniently located GP’s and Practices, as well as the University Dental Practice:

Closest to College: Trumpington Street Medical Practice +44 (0) 1223 361611
Trumpington Street Dental Practice +44 (0) 1223 332860

Closest to Russell St.: The Woodlands Surgery +44 (0) 1223 697600
Lensfield Medical Practice +44 (0) 1223 352779
Regent Street Dental Surgery +44 (0) 1223 355923

Closest to Barton Rd.: Newnham Walk Surgery +44 (0) 1223 366811
Matriculation Day (Saturday 5th October)

The word ‘matriculate’ derives from the Latin matricula, meaning ‘public register’. Thus, matriculation marks your official registration as a student at the University! If you have never matriculated at St. Catharine’s College before, you must attend the Matriculation ceremony on the morning of the 5th October (please pay attention to e-mails from the College with further details on the schedule for the day.) If activities at your respective departments clash with Matriculation, please let Angela Abbott, our Graduate Administrator, know as soon as possible at grad.admin@caths.cam.ac.uk. You will be required to wear your gown during the ceremony, which includes listening to some of the College staff introduce themselves, mingling with other matriculating students in your year, and taking a group photo in College. What gown you should wear depends on the level of your highest degree and your age (see ‘Buy a gown’ section). The dress code is either a dark suit, white shirt, collar and tie, black shoes and gown (no hood) or a dark skirt and white blouse or suitable dark dress, black shoes and gown (no hood). For more information on matriculation day, please visit: www.caths.cam.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/freshers-pack/matriculation

Matriculation Dinner (Monday 14th October)

Matriculation also includes a dinner, to be held on Monday 8th October. When you receive an invitation from the College, remember to sign up for the Matriculation Dinner by the required date, and pass on information on any allergies or dietary requirements you may have. For more information on the rules of formal hall dining, see our ‘Dining in College’ section.
Map of St Catharine’s

MCR & Ramsden Room
As you face the rear of the College in this corner, there are doors up some stairs to your left. Go in the doors and the MCR (the ‘Christopher Walden Room’) is the first door on your right. The Ramsden Room is opposite the MCR.

Hall & SCR
Enter here. Hall is straight ahead, the SCR is to your right.

The Porters’ Lodge (“Plodge”)
You must walk through it to enter College from Trumpington Street. Also known as the ‘plodge’, your pigeonholes are in the basement of this building.

McGrath Centre & Bar
Both next to new library. Signs outside.
Who To Know

Professor Sir Mark Welland (College Master)

Professor Welland is Professor of Nanotechnology and Head of Electrical Engineering at the University of Cambridge. He became the new Master of St Catharine’s in October 2016, following Dame Jean Thomas’ retirement. From 2008 to 2012, Sir Mark was Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government Ministry of Defence. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, and a Fellow of the Institute of Physics in 2002, a Foreign Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences of India in 2008, and a Foreign Fellow of the Danish Academy of Sciences in 2010. You are likely to see the Master at graduate formal hall, or other formal events and academic talks in the College. The Master’s Secretary may be contacted at: masters.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk

Dr Jessica Gwynne (Graduate Tutor)

Dr Jessica Gwynne is one of our three Graduate Tutors. The duties of Graduate Tutor are numerous, but include at least the responsibility over your general welfare in Cambridge, and to act as a good source of advice and information, both academic and non-academic.

Dr Gwynne is a Teaching Fellow at the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, lecturing to the first, second and fourth year undergraduate students. She is Head of Year for IA Materials Science and she has supervised both first and second year Materials Science students for a number of years. Dr Gwynne can be reached at: jhg27@cam.ac.uk

Dr Niamh Gallagher (Graduate Tutor)

Dr Gallagher is a Lecturer in Modern British and Irish History in the Department of History as well as author of the recent book “Ireland and the Great War: A Social and Political History”. For specifically financial matters, or matters relating to fees, bursaries, hardship awards, grants, etc., graduate students are encouraged to contact Dr Gallagher at: nag31@cam.ac.uk
Who To Know

Dr John Xuereb (The Dean)

Dr John Xuereb has held the College office of Dean for ten years. He is a University Senior Lecturer in Pathology and an Honorary Consultant Neuropathologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital. His main research interest has been neurodegenerative disease, notably Alzheimer's Disease and Frontotemporal Dementia. Dr Xuereb was also the founder of the Amalgamated Societies Lecture Series and Custodian of the College silver. Dr Xuereb leads the Clinical Pathology Course at The Clinical School and directs studies in Pathology at the College. He can be reached at: jhx1000@cam.ac.uk

Dr Fatima Santos (Graduate Tutor)

Dr Fatima Santos is a Senior Research Scientist and Research Associate of the Centre for Trophoblast Research having done pioneering work characterising DNA methylation dynamics in mammalian pre-implantation development. Her research interests focus on the study of epigenetic remodelling in the early embryo as a means of understanding the events that lead to lineage commitment and cell differentiation in mammals. Dr Santos may be reached at: fs324@cam.ac.uk

Angela Abbott (Graduate Administrator)

Angela is a key contact you should know, as she co-ordinates everything from the admissions process, through financial, administrative and personal support, to communication between College staff, fellows and (prospective and current) graduate students. She also assists in the allocation of accommodation to graduates, and is able to advise on legislation and University policies concerning graduate students, including visa monitoring of overseas students. You may e-mail Angela at grad.admin@caths.cam.ac.uk
Who To Know

Dr Colin Higgins (The Librarian)

Colin has been Librarian of St Catharine’s since 2010, having previously worked at the library of Christ’s College Cambridge, and in Dublin, London, and Siberia. He is currently completing a doctorate in ancient philosophy at King’s College London, though his main research interests are in cataloguing and classification, particularly their historical and political aspects. His book, Cataloguing and Managing Film and Video Collections, was published by the American Library Association in 2015. Colin is happy to help with queries, training on referencing/literature searching. He can be reached at: ch435@cam.ac.uk

The Rev'd Ally Barrett (Chaplain)

The Reverend’s research and writing interests include the integration of theology and human experience in relation to preaching and worship, especially baptism, and reflective practice. She is also a published hymn writer. As Chaplain of St. Catharine’s College, Ally is responsible for overseeing the running of the College chapel and organises all chapel services together with the Director of Music, the College choir, and various student members of the College community. Equally, the Chaplain is responsible for the pastoral care and welfare of all members of College—including both religious and non-religious graduates. Ally can be reached at: chaplain@caths.cam.ac.uk

The Porters

The Porters are usually the first members of staff you will encounter when you arrive at Catz. The team consists of a Head Porter (David Dove), a Deputy Head Porter (Simon Durrant) and a number of full-time Porters. The team members are always friendly, courteous and helpful, and are happy to give directions and provide other information. The Porter’s Lodge (or “plodge”) is open 24 hours, almost every day of the year, The Porters are predominantly responsible for ensuring the safety of all staff, students and visitors and the security of College property at all times. They will often be seen patrolling the College grounds, and are identifiable by their uniform. Additionally, they are responsible for enforcing the rules and regulations of the College, in a fair, friendly but firm manner. The Plodge can be reached at: plodge@caths.cam.ac.uk
What To Do In Cambridge

**Cambridge Attractions**
When in Cambridge there are plenty of sights to take visitors around – plus your Uni card gets you and two guests into the different Colleges for free, saving them a chunk of cash.

See the table below for the MCR Committee’s recommendations of popular sites you may enjoy visiting!

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Graduate Accommodation

Around half of the graduate students at Catz live in college-owned accommodation, while the other half live in privately rented or owned accommodation.

Private Accommodation
Catz unfortunately doesn’t have enough resources to provide accommodation for all needs e.g. families or those with pets, and so you may need to make alternate arrangements if there isn’t accommodation available from college. The private market moves quite quickly in Cambridge so it is recommended that you start looking earlier if you intend to live out at any point, though things can still become available a week in advance. The University Accommodation Service (www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk) offers some University-owned accommodation as well as listing advertisements from scrutinised letters. There are many private letting agents in Cambridge, most of which appear on websites such as Rightmove (www.rightmove.co.uk) or Zoopla (www.zoopla.co.uk). Finding and successfully applying to rent a property can be a long and arduous task so give yourself time and don’t get discouraged! If you are planning to move out of college and into a private house, it may be worth asking other MCR members who live out about their place – there are several landlords who don’t advertise on the main websites!

College Accommodation
Catz has space for a little over 100 graduates in its accommodation. While the provision varies with availability each year, most people have a good chance of getting two years of college accommodation. The graduate community lives outside of the main college site, with residences this year being on Russell Street, Barton Road, Brookside, Chesterton Road, Lingholme Close, and Harvey Road.
Graduate Accommodation

Living in Cambridge colleges can be quite different from living in other universities, and Catz has a few quirks of its own. The first are the housekeeping staff, known as Bedders. Bedders are responsible for emptying your bin daily, cleaning your room once a week and cleaning the communal spaces such as kitchens and bathrooms. Not all residences have bedders so cleaning will be left to the residents. Second are the maintenance staff, who are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of accommodation. If there is something wrong or broken in your room, you can submit a maintenance request (found on the Catz website under Students -> Maintenance Requests) to have maintenance come and fix it. All prices displayed are as per July 2019 and subject to change.

**4 Russell Street, (CB2 1HT)**
Russell Street is just off Hills Road, around a 15 minute walk from the main college site and 5 minutes from the Cambridge train station, and very close to the faculties on the Downing Site, Tennis Court Road, Lensfield Road and Trumpington Street. There are 66 single rooms with en-suite bathrooms and new double glazing, communal kitchen and dining rooms, a laundry room with washers and dryers, a courtyard with benches and bicycle racks within the site. Rents for 2019-20 are between £1,741 - £1,862 per quarter including all bills and internet. Russell Street is close to the many shops and cafes on Hills Road and the surrounding area. Groceries can be bought at the small Co-op and Tesco at the end of the road. Local pubs include The Alma, the Panton Arms and the Flying Pig and restaurants include Yim Wah (Cantonese), The Emperor (tapas) and Smokeworks (barbecue). Russell Street is also close to the Botanic Gardens (with free entry for students), Parker’s Piece and the Scott Polar Museum.

**15 Brookside (CB2 1JE)**
Brookside is a tall townhouse with 5 self-contained, one bedroom flats for double occupancy only. Each flat has a bathroom, double bedroom, living space and a fitted kitchen. Brookside, like Russell Street, is close to many departments, shops, pubs and restaurants, and still close to both Catz and the train station. Rents for 2019-20 are between £2,315 - £2,731 per quarter per room. The Brookside flats are typically in high demand and as such availability is limited and a waiting list sometimes exist. For more information, please email the Accommodation Manager, Amber Rashid, at accommodation@caths.cam.ac.uk.
Graduate Accommodation

29 Barton Road (CB3 9LB)
Barton Road is situated in the West of Cambridge but still very close to the centre of town. There are 14 self-catered en-suite rooms spread across 4 floors of a gorgeous town house, with 3 kitchens, dining areas, washing facilities, garden with benches and secure bicycle parking. It takes around 15 minutes to walk to Catz and is about a 10 minute walk from the Sidgwick site and the University Library. On bike, it takes about 10 minutes to cycle to the West Cambridge Site. Barton Road is close to both the Catz sports fields and courts, and the famed Grantchester Meadows. There is a small Co-op on Grantchester Street, a 5 minute walk away, that sells most groceries as well as a butcher, bakery, chemist and local shop in the Newnham area. Nearby pubs include The Red Bull (2 for 1 pizzas on Mondays) and the Granta by the Mill Pond. Rents for 2019 – 20 are between £1,602 - £1,820 per quarter, including bills and internet.

86 Chesterton Road (CB24 1ER)
This house on Chesterton Road has 8 rooms, with shared bathrooms, large kitchens and dining rooms and a shared garden. All rooms have a washbasin in the rooms, with some also having a shower. Chesterton Road is very close to many shops, including a Co-op that is a 2 minute walk away, a Farm Shop on Victoria Avenue, several cafes and restaurants (including a great brunch place called Stir and a fantastic Polish restaurant called Klub Polonia), and many pubs. The houses are also perfectly situated near the Catz boathouse, being a 5 minute walk away. Most departments are a 10 minute cycle or less away, including the West Cambridge site. Rents in 2019-20 are between £1,768 - £1,919 per quarter for the single rooms including bills and internet.
Graduate Accommodation

115/117 Grantchester Meadows (CB3 9JN)
These two houses are located in the suburb of Newnham in the south west of the city, around 15 minutes walk to main site and 10 minutes’ walk from University Library and Sidgwick Site. 115/117 Grantchester Meadows are two beautiful Edwardian houses renovated to a high standard in 2018. They each have 6 single self-catering rooms, with shared kitchen, bathrooms and garden area. They are immediately next to the College sports field, badminton/squash courts and the Grantchester Meadows themselves - idyllic fields for walking or a picnic with resident cows in the summer. There are shops and pubs close by including a well stocked Co-op. Rents for 2019-20 are £1,620 - £1,938 per quarter for single rooms including bills and internet.

8 South Green Road ‘The Vicarage’ (CB3 9JP)
Previously the residence of the college chaplain and renovated in 2019, ‘The Vicarage’ is also located in the quiet residential area of Newnham. It is next to the College's sports ground, squash courts and Grantchester Meadows. It is a 15 minutes’ walk from College and 10 minutes' walk from University Library and Sidgwick Site. The property has a shared kitchen and bathroom with 4 single bedsit rooms inside. Rents for 2019 – 20 are £1,724 per quarter, including bills and internet.

Other Accomodation
Catz often rents properties from other colleges for single or a few years, meaning that they are often available at short notice and filled on an ad hoc basis. This year they include 28 Lingholme Close (CB4 3HW, £1,825), Coleridge Road (£1,724 - £2,993), 9 Fitzwilliam Road (CB2 8BN, £1,695 - £1,760) and 11 Harvey Road (CB1 2ET, £1,882 - £3,854).
Graduate Accommodation

For more information on these residences, visit the graduate accommodation website: https://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/study-us/postgraduate-study/accommodation

Accommodation Summary for 2018-2019

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Accommodation Allocation

Due to the limited nature of college accommodation and the large variation in when offer holders know if they have made their offer, allocating college accommodation can be difficult. Catz aims to offer accommodation to all new incoming students who confirm their place before September 1st and prioritises these over continuing students. You can specify which residence you would prefer to live in but as allocation is done on a first come first serve basis, you may not always get your first choice. More information is available on the graduate accommodation website.
Graduate Accommodation

Important Information
For 2019-20, the tenancy contract will start on the 1st October 2019 and finish late September 2020 (exact date tbc). A deposit of £200 is given as caution money to the college at the start of your degree which will be returned after you leave pending good behaviour and return of your college key.

Heating and lighting bills (excluding those for Brookside) are calculated based on the previous years’ usage and the average charged every quarter. This means that there will likely be an underpayment during the winter and an overpayment during the summer. At the end of the Easter term (end of June), an adjustment is issued based on the actual energy usage for that year, so that you will have only paid for the energy you have used that year. During the summer, a lower heating and lighting bill will be charged to reflect the lower usage. Bills are issued quarterly at the start of each term and the summer vacation. Make sure you check your bill thoroughly and email any queries in good time in case there are any errors.

Keys for college accommodation are obtained from the Porters’ Lodge at the main Catz site on Trumpington Street (CB2 1RL). The key for your college room will also unlock many of the areas in college e.g. the communal spaces in your residence, the front and back doors to college at night, sports facilities etc. As such, it is important to keep your key safe to maintain the security of the college and its residents. Lost keys will cost £50 for a replacement so do be careful with your key! When you move out of your room, either to live outside of college or because you have finished, be sure to return your key to the Porters’ lodge or the key will be considered lost and £50 will be deducted from your caution money to account for it. If you are living out of college, you can get a general college key that will let you into the general access areas that the room keys also allow. These are also obtained from the Porters’ Lodge and the same fees apply if they are lost or not returned.

While some graduate residences offer parking, students in Cambridge are generally speaking not supposed to run a car without permission from the Motor Proctor.

Maintenance Requests
If there is anything mechanically wrong with your room (leaky taps, broken furniture etc.) then a maintenance request is usually the best way to resolve it. These can be sent by clicking the “Maintenance Request” link on the MCR website. If there is a more serious issue then contacting the appropriate supervisor in college (housekeeping or maintenance), the graduate administrator, Angela, or accommodation manager, Amber, may be a better option. Contact details for college staff can be found at http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/about-us/contact-directory/college-departments-and-staff.
Dining at Catz

Dining in Hall

Cafeteria-style meals are available in college hall three times a day, except Sunday when Brunch is available:

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During weekdays the college bar is also open 08:00-16:00 as “Catz Cafe”. The offerings vary but generally include sandwiches, paninis and a salad bar, as well as Hot Numbers coffee. Times are different out of term, so please check the College website for more details. For more information on how to set up a cashless account using Upay (so as to pay for your meals in hall with your university card), please see the page on ‘Finances and Funding’.
Dining at Catz

Formal Hall
The MCR generally organise weekly formals during term time. These are popular with grads and normally are followed by drinks in the College bar. Tickets for formal can be booked via the MCR website: http://www.student.caths.cam.ac.uk/mcr/formal. You will need your CRSid details to login to the website. If you are unable to login, please email Nathaniel, our Formal Hall Officer (mcr.formalhall@caths.cam.ac.uk).

Pre-prandial drinks are provided at 7:00pm, generally in the bar. Dinner starts promptly at 7:30pm and ends at 9:30pm. Afterwards we generally all return to the bar. Formals normally take place in the main dining hall and the meal consists of a starter, main course and dessert, followed by cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee and port. You must provide your own wine with dinner, should you desire it. A vegetarian option is always available (you can specify any dietary requirements and allergies when booking online). You can usually book places for guests yourself via the website, but if you would like to up your guest limit, contact Nathaniel. Nathaniel will also organise ‘swaps’ from time to time, in which you have the chance to book into another college’s formal hall. Tickets tend to go fast!

Rules of Formal Dining (Important!)
All matriculated Cambridge students must wear gowns, including guests from other colleges. (Note: you will be matriculated before the parent-child dinner, so you will need a gown then).

Members and their guests must be dressed in suitably smart dress. "Smart dress" is defined without reference to considerations of gender identity or expression. This means a suit (or trousers and jacket), a shirt with a collar, a tie, and shoes (not trainers or sandals), or equivalently formal dress. The staff are instructed to refuse admission to anyone coming to formal improperly dressed. Items of clothing must not be removed during dinner.

Dinner begins with an Ante Cibum (before food) grace and ends with a Post Cibum (after food) grace. A gong signals dinners to stand for each grace, and you must remain standing and quiet whilst the grace is being recited. No one may leave their seat during dinner before the Post Cibum grace without permission, except in case of medical emergency or when evacuation of hall is necessary. Thus, before entering hall, those dining should ensure that they are sufficiently comfortable to remain seated until the Post Cibum grace is said (typically just before cheese and port are served).
Dining at Catz

Dress Code
The Formal Hall rules can sometimes seem confusing, what exactly constitutes “suitably smart dress”, what is “equivalently formal” to a suit? Generally college is fairly relaxed about enforcement of the dress code, but as alluded to above does reserve the right to refuse admission to anyone improperly dressed. In case of any dispute with staff then ask Nathaniel to help mediate. To avoid needing to do this we’ve included some guidance below...

Suit
Pretty self-explanatory, lounge suit as worn by office drones around the world. Generally people wear black suits, dark blue and grey are also popular. More exotic colours are available but not generally advisable. For shirt and tie there’s room for a bit more colour, but anything too exotic may earn a gentle rebuke from hall staff. Unless you know what you’re doing, keep it simple and stick with black or brown shoes (not trainers).

“Equivalently Formal Dress”
Those not wearing a suit may choose to wear cocktail dresses, pant-suits, or a smart skirt and shirt. Those wearing dresses are asked to avoid more ‘nightclub-appropriate’ dresses. This is a college event and fellows may be in attendance. Skirts and dresses should be of a suitable length and coverage. Other than that the colour, pattern, and fit are up to your preference. Don’t worry too much about “wearing the right thing” as you will get a good idea of how people dress pretty quickly. It’s also worth mentioning that Catz does NOT have a gendered dress code. You are encouraged to dress however you feel most comfortable (so long as it is appropriate for a formal dinner).

Fancy Dress
For some themed formals permission is gained to alter the dress code for formal hall. Examples would include “ugly jumpers” at Christmas formal, or “just wear green” at St Patrick’s Day formal. Information on these occasions will be sent out in advance. Although the normal dress code doesn’t apply it is still generally advisable not to go too “out there” with costumes and remember that Catz is a 500 year-old institution.
Finances & Funding

Paying Your College Bill
Your college bill will be sent to you by Kathy Malley (km328@cam.ac.uk), who is your point of contact for any queries. Your first bill can be paid online at http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/students/bill-payments and will include:

- £200 ‘Caution Money’, which will be reimbursed upon graduation if you cause no damage to college property
- College accommodation rent and bills (one-off £10 for PAT testing)
- MCR and Cambridge student union subscriptions (£13 and £5)
- Kitchen fixed charge (£48 or £17 if you have a reduced rate)

Graduate Bursaries and Funds
St. Catharine’s has a variety of grants and bursaries available to graduate students, and has awarded up to £275,000 per year in the past. In addition, Catz also supports graduates’ travel and research expenses. Information can be found at: http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/graduate-bursaries-and-funds

Cambridge-Wide Funding
In addition to the above sources, funding is also available from departments, colleges and independent organisations in and outside Cambridge. The CamFunds website (http://www.student-funding.cam.ac.uk/) is a database of student funding administered by offices, departments, faculties, institutions and colleges of the University of Cambridge. You may also try searching on the following websites:

- Researchresearch.comprospects.ac.uk
- findaphd.comscholarship-search.org.uk
- daad.org.uk
Upay

When dining in regular hall (for breakfast, lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch) or grabbing a drink in the bar, all Catz students should take advantage of the cashless account system called Upay. The Upay system allows you to pay for your meals or drinks in hall/Catz bar by simply swiping your university card and having the cost of your meals deduced from a balance, so there is no need to carry cash. Note that Hall does not accept card payments from credit/debit cards. You are encouraged to set up your Upay account as soon as possible, using your CRSid and Raven password to log into Upay’s website (http://www.shib.upay.co.uk/?entityid=https://shib.raven.cam.ac.uk/shibboleth). At this link, you may top up your card (using a debit or credit card), set top-up reminders, or set up auto top-up for when your balance reaches a certain point. You can top up in set increments, or set up automatic top ups in increments. You can also arrange for a third party, such as your parents, to be given limited access top-up accounts; they will not be able to see your account balance or the type of purchases you have made, but can add money for you. It is also possible to keep on top of your Upay account with your smartphone by downloading the Upay app.
Transport

**Bicycles**

Many students at Catz travel around town on bicycle. There are students leaving Cambridge throughout the year who might be selling their old bikes, so keep an eye out on student groups on Facebook. Of course, there are numerous bicycle (and repair) shops too:

- Cycle King (195-197 Mill Rd, CB1 3AN)
- Ben Hayward Cycles (behind ‘The Anchor’, CB3 9EL)
- Lensfield Road Cycles (69-71 Lensfield Road, CB2 1EN)

A good bike lock/chain is essential in preventing theft (a D-lock is recommended) — bike racks are available to use at College and in all College accommodations. Make sure you have a helmet as well as bike lights (legal requirement) for cycling at night too.

**Trains**

Trains to London are very frequent. Express trains to Kings Cross London usually run at 15 or 45 minutes past the hour. There are also direct trains to many other cities and towns, as well as Stansted airport. If you’re thinking of traveling around the UK this year, you may find it beneficial to get a Young Persons 16-25 Railcard. It is purchasable for £30 by all full-time students, and offers cheaper fares (½ off) on all train journeys: [http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/](http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/)

**Taxi**

If you need a taxi for Cambridge, the train station or the airport, Panther Taxis provides a pick-up time of up to 10 minutes anywhere in Cambridge and its nearby villages, 24 hours a day. The number for Panther Taxis Ltd. is: +44 (0)1223 715715, or they have an App. Uber also operates in the city, though they have less drivers and so are often charging ‘surge’ prices.
Buses & Coaches
Cambridge’s bus station is on Drummer Street beside Emmanuel College, with buses going to other cities and towns in and outside Cambridgeshire. National Express coaches also stop at Parker’s Piece and provide connections all over the country, including Stansted Airport (45 mins), Luton (1 hr), Heathrow (3 hrs), Gatwick (3 hrs) and Oxford (3 hrs). Stagecoach Express also provides such services.

Local buses serve various areas of the city and other towns nearby. In particular, the U bus is just £1 for student card holders and runs through the city, passing both the train station and College.

Punting
A punt is a flat-bottomed boat without a keel, propelled using a long pole. Punts have been a leisure activity since the early 1900’s, and are one of the most popular ways to explore Cambridge. Punting along the River Cam northwards will show you Cambridge’s famous bridges and colleges, and southwards, the lovely Grantchester Meadows. There are many punting companies operating on the Cam, however Catz students go to Scudamore’s [http://www.scudamores.com/]. Most companies offer tours of the river with a professional punter. However, if you fancy trying punting yourself (which is totally doable for a complete beginner!), they can provide punts for hire as well at much cheaper rates. Be sure to inquire about any student discounts they might be offering.
Sports Facilities
The College has its own sports grounds, located on South Green Road about a 15-minute walk from Catz. There are football and rugby pitches, grass tennis courts in the summer, as well as courts for badminton, netball and basketball, hardcourts for tennis, tables for table tennis, and one of only two College-owned Astro Turf hockey pitches in Cambridge. The College’s squash courts and badminton courts can be booked any time through the online court bookings system (http://www.jcr.caths.cam.ac.uk/courts/), once our computing officer, Souradip, (mcr.computer@caths.cam.ac.uk), approves you as someone who can make bookings.

College Gym
Our gym is located underneath the main hall for any Catz members to take advantage of. It hosts free-weights and weight-racks, ergs (rowing machines), spinning bikes, medicine and exercise balls, and a punching bag (for those who want to let off some steam!). Gym inductions will be held in October, after which your university card will be activated to give you access.
Sports & Societies

Sports
St. Catharine’s is a passionately sporty college, offering a wide range of sports including athletics, badminton, basketball, climbing, cricket, croquet, cycling, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, ladies’ and mixed netball, rugby, skiing and snowboarding, squash, swimming, tennis and ultimate frisbee. Active since 1833, our College Boat Club also provides a fun and sociable atmosphere in which to pick up and participate in Cambridge’s most renowned sporting activity! Graduates thinking about trying rowing should visit: http://www.boatclub.caths.cam.ac.uk

Other Societies & Clubs
If sport isn’t your thing, there are other societies, including the Card Playing Society, Chess Club, the St. Catharine’s Christian Union, St. Catharine’s College Film Society, the Catz Orchestra, Scatz (an informal choir for those who enjoy singing), the Shirley Society (one of Cambridge’s oldest poetry and literary societies), and many more...If you’re interested in taking part in any of these, be sure to attend the Sports and Societies Squash Wednesday 9th October 8-9PM in Hall!
**Computing**

**Computer Rooms**
There are two computer rooms beneath the Porter’s Lodge in College with both PCs and Macs where you can log in with your university details. There are also three PCs in the College library. All PCs can dual-boot Windows and Ubuntu Linux.

**WiFi**
There are three WiFi networks to be aware of while at Catz and the University in general.

1) **Eduroam**
This is likely the most important, because as well as being present on College grounds, it grants you internet access across Cambridge as well as in other Universities around the world. You will need an eduroam network token that you can pick up from [https://tokens.csx.cam.ac.uk/](https://tokens.csx.cam.ac.uk/). Full instructions on how to set this up are available at [https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/service/wi-fi](https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/service/wi-fi)

2) **StCatharinesWireless**
This is present on college grounds and residences. The password is available from the Porters.

3) **UniOfCam**
This is an open network, but each time you connect you will need to log in using your crsid after you connect before you can access the internet.

**Ethernet**
If you want to connect to an ethernet port in college, you will need to register your MAC address with the Computing Office at [http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/students/computing/internet-access-college/network-connection-application-form](http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/students/computing/internet-access-college/network-connection-application-form). They are physically based in K staircase on Sherlock Court and you can buy ethernet cables from them there. If you need to connect to an ethernet port at your department, you will need to register your MAC address with your department’s computing office.

**The MCR Website**
One of the most important online resources to know is the Catz MCR Website! It can be accessed at [https://mcr.caths.cam.ac.uk/](https://mcr.caths.cam.ac.uk/). Here, you can do everything from book a formal, to submit a maintenance request or send an anonymous message to the MCR Committee. Look out for an email from our computer officer, Souradip, introducing the website at the start of Michaelmas.
## Usernames & Passwords

These can be picked up by following the instructions at [https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/user-accounts-security/accounts-passwords/user-administration/accounts/password-collection](https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/user-accounts-security/accounts-passwords/user-administration/accounts/password-collection). Essentially, you will be asked to complete Student Registration online through CamSIS before you arrive. You will then get a username (also called a crsid) and a password. If this has not worked for some reason and you are already in Cambridge, you can complete the process from any College computer or via the WiFi networks in College by going to [http://jackdaw.cam.ac.uk/signup](http://jackdaw.cam.ac.uk/signup). Your email address will then be your crsid@cam.ac.uk. You can change your password at [http://password.csx.cam.ac.uk/](http://password.csx.cam.ac.uk/). Your crsid is often used to sign in to resources through Raven, the University web authentication system.

## Accounts

| **Raven** | Raven is a service used by many websites that provide resources for the University, to authenticate identity. Your Raven log-in details consist of your CRSid (see below) and password. 

Raven is the standard log-in for most College and University web-based services, such as electronic journals, the University Library databases, resources and forms on the College website, the booking system for weekly MCR formals, and as your log in to Hermes Webmail. |
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| **CRSid** | Your ‘Common Registration Scheme identifier’ is a login name issued by the University. You should receive your CRSid and Cambridge email address within a couple of weeks of confirming your offer. The CRSid is generated from your initials followed by some digits, so a Cambridge user John Smith might have CRSid js999, and his @cam e-mail address would be js999@cam.ac.uk

You will need to collect your Raven password first, instructions for which will also be e-mailed to you. From there, you can log into and use Jackdaw ([http://jackdaw.cam.ac.uk/](http://jackdaw.cam.ac.uk/)) to collect your Hermes and DS passwords. You should change your passwords once they are assigned. |
| **OWA** | You can access your emails online via Outlook Web Access (OWA), which is one of the services provided by the University IT department as part of Microsoft’s cloud-based services (this also includes Office 365). You’ll be given information on how to set all this up either before or when you arrive in Cambridge. |
| **Desktop Services (DS)** | These details are used to log on to computers and access printers in the College computer rooms. In some departments and faculties, it is with these details you may also access their printers. Many institutions charge printing by way of “common balance”, although the College and some departments will credit you with some allowance at the start, and others yet may operate their own charging schemes. You are advised to inquire about this with the IT staff at your faculties. |
Welfare

General Welfare Contacts
At Cambridge, it would be an understatement to say that courses here are demanding and the pressure to produce top-quality work is high. The effects this has on eating, sleeping and social habits can be detrimental, and can be compounded by the impacts of moving to a new place, with new people and new social and cultural customs. This could be difficult to manage alone, and can make it hard to focus on your work or enjoy Cambridge. If you ever find it hard to cope, and/or you find your personal health and welfare being negatively affected, please do not hesitate to reach out for help, and set up a meeting with one of the following individuals, so that the College can listen to you and support you:

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Welfare

College Resources
Ms Dee Williams is our College nurse. She offers drop-in sessions in her office (Room E1A) in College from 10:00-11:00am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 11:00am-12:00 on Wednesdays. She can also be contacted at dw350@cam.ac.uk.

The Chaplain and MCR Welfare Officer are also available throughout the year to chat, listen, and answer any questions you have about welfare-related issues. The MCR Welfare Officer will also run welfare events throughout the year, and stock a bowl of free sexual health supplies in the MCR common room. If you have any questions about where to access certain resources, the MCR Welfare Officer can be your first point of reference!

University Resources
There are three services on offer at university-level:

1. The first is the University Counselling Service (UCS), provided by the university. https://www.counselling.cam.ac.uk/

2. The second is the Students’ Unions’ Advice Service (SUAS), provided jointly by the Cambridge University Students’ Union (CUSU) and the Graduate Union (GU). https://www.studentadvice.cam.ac.uk/

3. Finally, there’s the Disability Resource Centre (DRC), which provides support for students with long-term mental illnesses and other disabilities or health conditions. https://www.disability.admin.cam.ac.uk/

In addition to these, there are several student-run organizations available. These include Nightline, a night-time listening service for students run by trained volunteers (01223 744444), Peer2Peer, a network of student supporters across Cambridge trained to provide confidential, informal support to other students (https://www.peer2peer-cambridge.org/), and Student Minds, a charity that campaigns for better awareness and mental health provision at University (https://www.findsupportcam.com/).
**LGBT+**

Cambridge University Students' Union (CUSU) has an LGBT+ welfare officer who is available to talk to you about any questions or queries you may have. You don’t need to identify as LGBT+ to contact them! You can find more information at: www.lgbt.cusu.cam.ac.uk/welfarelgbt-welfare@cusu.cam.ac.uk.

CUSU also run an LGBT+ Campaign aimed at supporting LGBT+ students at the University. Their committee plans events and social gatherings. They also operate a number of email lists and social media groups to help people get involved in the Cambridge LGBT+ community. You can find out more at: www.lgbt.cusu.cam.ac.uk.

SexYOUality is a non-university-affiliated organisation that offers weekly drop in sessions and 1-2-1 support in Cambridgeshire for under 25s. The 1-2-1 sessions are set in a location that suits you, so you can feel comfortable enough to talk through what’s on your mind. SexYOUality will also help you get access to other services if needed. Phone: 01223 369508, web address: www.syacambs.org

Lastly, Catz has a number of resources available to LGBT+ students. Catz LGBT+ is a student-led society that runs events for students of all sexualities and gender identities. You can also get in touch with the MCR LGBT+ officer or with the MCR co-presidents.

**City-Wide Resources**

For non-emergency health advice, the NHS 111 Service can be reached 24 hours a day by dialling 111. Urgent Care Cambridgeshire provides out-of-hours emergency services for Cambridgeshire between 6pm and 8:30am during weekdays and 24 hours a day at the weekends and Bank Holidays. This service is also accessed by calling 111. For emergencies the number to dial in the UK is 999.

Mental Health Vanguard, an out-of-hours urgent mental health service, is available for people in mental health or emotional crisis. Call 111 and ask for The Mental Health First Response Team.

For additional resources, please see the MCR Welfare page at: https://mcr.caths.cam.ac.uk/current-students/welfare. Another comprehensive resources is the Student Minds Cambridge “Student Support Guide” available at: https://www.findsupportcam.com/
Being Green At Catz

Top tips from the MCR Green Officer
At Catz, the college community offers plenty of opportunities to start practicing a more environmentally responsible lifestyle. Here are the top tips to make the greenest of your time here:

1. Join the Gardening Society. The College owns an allotment south west of town, close to the South Green Lodge MCR residence, where we grow our own vegetables. Gardening is the best way to reconnect with nature, learn about plants and vegetables and do some exercise while having fun! The Society usually meets at weekends - get in touch with Francisco (fh360@cam.ac.uk) if you would like to join!

2. Choose vegetarian food options and eat local. Reducing your consumption of meat is the most effective way to cut your personal carbon footprint, and the same goes for reducing consumption of food transported by air freight from far away. There is always a vegetarian option in the college hall and the cafeteria strives to make food using seasonal vegetables. Most importantly, check where your food comes from!

3. Do your recycling. All graduate residences have recycling bins in the common areas (like kitchens). Use them and make sure you know what can go in them! And if you have bits of paper and other recyclable stuff in your room, don’t just throw them in your bin - take a small break from whatever you are doing, walk to the kitchen and recycle them! A more circular economy, starting from every person’s actions, is fundamental for a sustainable future.

4. Take part in the Student Switch Off and the Green Impact campaigns. More details will come in due course - but this is a good opportunity to take part in university-wide initiatives to raise awareness towards environmental issues. Catz has topped the Student Switch Off campaign in recent years, winning us free pints of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream!

5. Keep an eye out for the myriad of events relating to sustainability. World-leading research takes place here, and much of it has the aim of changing the world towards a more sustainable model of development. MCR Green Officer, James, will make sure you get regular updates on what’s on - so keep an eye out! He will also lead green events and campaigns throughout the year, like the MCR “green” formal or “Meatless Mondays”!
**Fellows’ and Graduates’ seminars**

The Catz Fellows’ and Graduates’ Research Seminars are an exciting opportunity for MCR members to present their research in a semi-formal setting to fellow graduate students and fellows of St Catharine’s. Presentations are generally around 20-25 minutes, and are aimed at a lay audience. At each seminar a fellow and a postgraduate student each give a talk; topics may be linked by field or by theme, providing an interesting opportunity for cross-disciplinary discussion.

The idea is to provide a forum for MCR members to practice presenting their research and to gain feedback from peers and more experienced scholars in their own and other fields. As well as being a genuinely fascinating opportunity to learn more about a wide variety of different avenues of research, these seminars are an important part of the MCR’s collective academic life in college, and attendance is very much encouraged!

If YOU would be interested in giving a talk in either Lent or Easter terms, email mcr.presidents@caths.cam.ac.uk - we’ll be glad to hear from you!

The Fellows’ and Graduate’s seminars generally take place around three or four times a term, on a biweekly basis; importantly, a free (and delicious!) lunch is provided, along with tea and coffee.
The St Catharine’s College MCR Symposium

The MCR symposium is an opportunity for graduate students to present their research alongside talks by notable alumni. The symposium was first started in 2016 and due to its great success, was followed up in 2017 and 2018! Previous keynote speakers have included eminent alumni and fellows of the College. These include Joanne Harris, author of the novel-turned film, Chocolat; Jenni Sidey, IET’s Young Woman Engineer of the Year 2016, founder of Cambridge Robogals and now Canadian astronaut; Roger Harrabin, presenter on BBC’s The World at One and Environment Analyst for the BBC since 2004; and John Thompson, Emeritus Reader in American History here at Cambridge. Catz graduates also present their work in the form of short talks. The audience comprised a mixture of undergraduate and postgraduate students, academics and specially invited Catz alumni.

Our Education Officer and Co-presidents will be sending out emails during the year asking for volunteers for this year’s Symposium Committee, followed by an invitation to submit your abstract if you would like to present. We look forward to seeing you there!

College Workspaces

There are lots of different types of workspaces available to Catz students. If you are looking for silence you can choose either the atmospheric 18th century Sherlock Library, or the bright and modern New Library. Colin Higgins (ch435@cam.ac.uk) and his team of librarians are always happy to help with academic resources. Colin will also be offering training for graduate students, depending on demand, in areas such as literature review, referencing, printing setup and other technical and academic matters. During Freshers’ week you will have the chance to tour the library spaces and meet Colin to chat about what you’d like from Catz libraries. There are also several computer rooms available. There are two under the Porters’ lodge with black and white printing facilities and one under staircase I, which has a colour printer. If you prefer to work in a more social atmosphere (with good coffee and snacks!) the bar is available. There is also workspace in the MCR, if you want to work in an informal and (usually) quiet space.
Freshers’ Week

We’re holding plenty of activities during the first two weeks of term to help you get to know St. Catharine’s College and other MCR members. Attend as many or few as you’d like, but we do recommend that you attend as many as possible, and especially ‘Meet Your Neighbours’, the Welcome Reception, the Parent-Child formal, and the Freshers’ Bop!

**Friday October 4th**

**Welcome to Catz - meet and greet!!**

Details to follow.

Congrats, you’ve made it this far! Now all that’s left is to meet your year group and get better acquainted. This night is a fantastic and informal chance to meet your neighbours at your house/residence and introduce yourself. If you are living in private rented accommodation then please come along as well - this night is for everyone!

We want to make sure EVERYONE turns up for this night, so please be brave and rally up your neighbours! Your MCR committee members will also be on hand to help kick start the night.

**Further details of the night will be circulated closer to the day.**

If you’re running late or cannot find where everyone is, then do not hesitate to give your social secretaries a call on the numbers below:
Anna (07805197654)
Polly (07582154121)

**Saturday October 5th**

**Matriculation**

McGrath Centre (College Main Site) @ 9am
Matriculation is your official registration as a Cambridge student. If you have never matriculated at Catz before, you must attend. College will invite you to the Matriculation ceremony closer to the date. Please refer to page 11 of this Freshers’ Pack which gives you more information all about Matriculation!

**College Tours & Lunch**

Meet in Main Court for tours @ 11am, lunch @ noon
Meet on Main Court for tours of the college. After the tours, we will go as a big group into hall for lunch. Lunch in hall usually costs £3-4, and there’s a great selection almost every single day of the year. You can pay with cash or top up your uPay account and tap your University Card to pay!
Freshers’ Week

Wine & Cheese Welcome Reception
Dining Hall @ 8pm
A Catz MCR tradition, no Freshers’ Week would be complete without this wine and cheese welcome! Join us in the dining hall for a selection of cheeses and wine (non-alcoholic alternatives will also be served). This is our first official welcome to our incoming students, and a chance to meet the Committee and mingle with MCR members old and new in the classic Cambridge way! Dress code: Smart casual.

Sunday October 6th

Brunch & Sunday Treats
Dining Hall @ Noon, Treats @ 1pm in the MCR
On a Sunday during term time, there is no breakfast or lunch in hall; instead, they serve a huge selection of foods at brunch. We’ll meet outside hall at midday to go as an MCR group. After brunch, sweet treats will be offered by the MCR Committee in the MCR at 1pm.

Punting tours of Cambridge
Meet in the MCR @ 2pm
Following brunch and treats, we will head down to the riverside for punting- this is a classic Cambridge activity involving long wooden boats pushed along with a pole! In groups of 12 there will be guided tours of the college backs. There will be a sign up google docs form to reserve a place in a punt.

Monday October 7th

University of Cambridge Sports Fair
University Sports Centre, @1 pm – 5 pm
New for this year, the University Sports Service is having its first Sports Fair! Head along to the University Sports Centre to see the huge variety of both competitive and recreational sporting opportunities on offer during your time at Cambridge.

More info can be found here: https://www.sport.cam.ac.uk/sportsfair
Fresher’s Week

Inter-College “Mix Up” With Jesus College
Meet at Catz Bar @ 7:30pm, then onto Jesus College, then Spoons!

We will assemble at the college bar for an evening of socializing with both fellow Catz students and students from another Cambridge College. This will be a great chance to meet new people and discover some of the other colleges in the University. After our first stop in Catz bar we will go as a group to Jesus College bar at 9:00 pm, and if you are up for it after that, onto Cambridge’s best “worst” nightclub, Wetherspoon’s to finish the night!

Tuesday October 8th

Cambridge University Students’ Union (CUSU) Fresher’s Fair
Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre & Parker’s Piece, 10am-4pm

A big two-day fair organized by the Cambridge University Student Union, where you can see all the sports clubs and societies Cambridge has to offer, as well as loads of opportunities to get plenty of freebies, including food! More info can be found here: https://www.cusu.co.uk/freshersfair/

Pub Quiz
Catz Bar @ 7:30pm

Who doesn’t love a good pub quiz? Join us in Catz bar for a chance to show off your general knowledge skills and win some prizes as a team!
Freshers’ Week

Wednesday October 9th

Cambridge University Students’ Union (CUSU) Fresher’s Fair
Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre & Parker’s Piece, 10am-4pm
If you didn’t manage to make it to the Fresher’s Fair on Tuesday, give it a go today.

Catz Sports & Societies Fair
Hall, 8pm-9pm (subject to change)
Here, you will have the chance to find out about, and sign up to, the college sports clubs and societies. A list of the clubs and societies can be found here: http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/students/clubs-and-societies

Thursday October 10th

Parent-Child Formal
SCR for Pre-Prandial Drinks @ 7pm, Hall for Dinner @ 7:30pm
This will be your first experience of formal hall dining at Catz (and maybe in Cambridge). Meet in the SCR for pre-dinner drinks at 7pm. Dinner starts promptly at 7:30pm in the Hall, so don’t be late! As this is a formal meal, formal hall rules also apply (see pages 22-23 for more details). You must wear your gown and formal dress. To sign-up for the Parent-Child formal, your Catz parent will send you an email inviting you to attend. Please also let your parent know whether you have any dietary requirements! It is the role of your parents to then secure your tickets for you!
Freshers’ Week

**Freshers’ Bop!**

**Friday October 11th**

*Catz Bar @ 8pm*

The most fun night of Freshers’ week! For our first bop of the academic year, the theme will be **Beach Party!!!** For costumes and party accessories, we recommend trying **Party Mania** (34/36 Burleigh St, CB1 1DG) or **Wardrobe** (27 Cromwell Rd, CB1 3EB) as well as the vast array of charity shops (Burleigh St). Fancy dress is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged!

**Saturday October 12th**

**Botanical Gardens and BBQ**

*Botanical gardens at 3pm, Russell Street residences for BBQ @ 4pm*

Today is about resting after the hectic week and Bop! Come join us and relax at the Cambridge botanical gardens. We will meet at the Hills road entrance at 3pm. Cambridge university students get free entry all year round so remember to bring your University ID card to ensure free entry.

At 4pm we will move onto Russell street residences for a relaxed BBQ (weather permitting of course!)

**Sunday October 13th**

**Chapel**

*College Chapel @10:30am & @6pm (every Sunday of term)*

During term-time, there are 11-12 services per week in Chapel, some of which are said and some sung by the college choirs. The Chapel itself is an Anglican place of worship (*i.e.*, Church of England), but its doors are **open to all** for prayer, quiet reflection, or for enjoyment listening to the student choirs who offer lovely and serene hymns and choral music. The Chapel is a space in College where you should feel welcome, whether you are Christian or not.

Each Sunday morning of term, there is a sung Eucharist (Holy Communion) service at 10:30am, with a free brunch for anybody attending. On Sunday evenings, there is a choral Evensong service, in which a preacher offers a sermon (typically as part of a termly themed discussion between various preachers). For full details of services, visit: [http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/about-us/chapel/chapel-services](http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/about-us/chapel/chapel-services)
Freshers’ Week

**Brunch**

**Hall @Noon**

Come and join other MCR members in hall for brunch at midday! Note that, though we meet at midday, the hall serves brunch from 10:30-13:30 every Sunday in term time.

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**Monday October 14th**

**Matriculation Dinner**

**Pre-Prandial Drinks in the SCR @ 7pm, Dinner in Hall @ 7:30pm**

Celebrate your matriculation at Catz with a special dinner and evening prepared just for you in the Hall. This dinner is organised by College, so there’s no need to book a ticket online, but do remember to accept the invitation for the Matriculation Dinner which you should get in an email from College before term starts. Normal Formal Hall rules apply, so remember your gown and formal attire!

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**Thursday October 17th**

**Graduate Formal Hall**

**Pre-Prandial Drinks in the Bar @ 7pm, Dinner in Hall @ 7:30pm**

This evening marks the start of regular weekly formals. Formals are a great way to catch up with your college mates, and four courses for a very reasonable price means there really is no reason not to go! Pre-drinks will be served from 7:00pm in the college bar, and you must be seated in Hall by 7:30 for dinner. Don’t forget to sign up online—our Formal Hall Officer, Nathaniel, will send out an email when booking opens each week. At every Graduate formal, you are allowed to book tickets for a maximum of 4 guests online (for instance, if you’d like to invite people visiting you in Cambridge, friends from your faculty, or even your supervisor!). If you’d like to book more than 4 guests, please email Nathaniel to inquire.
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Cambridge Lingo

Every University and College has its own peculiar jargon, and Cambridge and Catz are no different! It can be slightly overwhelming when you begin to realise that people use some strange words and phrases which have no meaning to most people outside of these particular places. Below is a shortlist of some important terminology to help you out!

Glossary of Cambridge Terms

**Barton Road:** One of the College graduate accommodations, situated in West Cambridge

**Bedder:** A College-hired staff member responsible for cleaning your room on a weekly basis as well as the communal areas.

**Bop:** An organized party in College which is usually themed and requires fancy dress of some sort. Bops to expect include the Freshers’ week bop, Halloween, Christmas, Midsummer Dinner, and many others!

**Catz:** nickname for St. Catharine’s College

**Cindies:** The name of a club now called “Ballare”. Cambridge students simply have a habit of referring to clubs by their former names (a very important history of Cambridge factoid!)

**CUSU:** Cambridge University Students’ Union

**Easter Term:** The third academic term of the academic year

**Ent:** A social event or party, usually on a larger scale than a bop, possibly involving more than one College/society.

**Fez:** Another club in Cambridge frequented by Cambridge students.
Cambridge Lingo

**Formal**: A three-course dinner run by most colleges. In Catz, the MCR formal happens every Thursday of term (and on occasion, outside of term too!). Colleges have different rules regarding attire. At Catz, lounge suits and gowns are required. Catz is also one of the few colleges that will provide a cheese platter to finish the formal, so don’t expect this at most other colleges!

**Gownie**: Slang term for a Cambridge University student.

**GU**: Graduate Union

**JCR**: Junior Combination Room (the undergrad community)

**June Event**: June Events are slightly smaller affairs than May Balls, but still big and just as fun, not to mention cheaper to attend!

**Lent Term**: The second academic term of the academic year

**Lola’s**: A shortened version of a nightclub’s actual name, “Lola Lo”. Lola’s runs a popular grad night on Fridays.

**Matriculation**: The process and ceremony through which you become a member of the College and University.
May Ball: Held on every night of May Week, May Balls are beautifully extravagant affairs that are themed, usually black-tie, generally running into the early hours of the next morning, and involve various forms of entertainment (e.g., live music, food stalls, carnival rides, ice-skating, champagne and cocktails, and much, much more!). Many Colleges put on their own May Ball; some happen annually whilst others happen biannually. Catz hosts one every two years, and you’ll be lucky enough to have the chance to attend one during May Week 2018!

May Week: One of Cambridge’s finest traditions, May Week is a week of merriment and glorious fun in the month of June (yes, the month of June!), usually after many exams and submissions of reports have taken place. Don’t plan on working during May Week—instead, expect garden parties, punting on the River Cam, and the famed May Balls and June Events. Though tickets can be a bit pricy, May Balls and June Events are incredible and worthwhile to behold—magazines have even dubbed them the best parties in the entire world!

MCR: Formally, the Middle Combination Room, but usually used to refer to either the graduate community, or the room in College provided to us for hanging out/watching TV, etc.

Michaelmas Term: The first academic term of the academic year

OCR: A room located one storey above the main hall, used for seminars and special catered events.

Pidge: Short for “Pigeonhole”. These are mail slots located under the Porters’ Lodge, one of which has your name on it for any post you have sent to you via the College.
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Plodge: The Porters’ Lodge, responsible for regulating entry into the College, sorting incoming mail, security to all Catz members, and issuing students keys and university passes.

Porter: The Porters are the ‘face’ of the College and they man the Plodge. They know basically everything about the College and will be able to tell you where rooms are if you are lost, or give you tips on who to contact for a particular issue. If you lose your room key and need to get hold of the spare, the Porters have it! They have also been known to secure the safe passage of ducks through St Catharine’s to the River Cam during spring.

Punts: Flat-bottomed boats that populate the River Cam, one of the most popular traditional forms of leisure for locals and tourists.

Ramsden Room: A modern, recently refurbished room situated opposite the MCR, used for seminars and special events.

Revs: Short for “Vodka Revolution”, a bar located on Downing Street.

Rushmore Room: A room in College located in the Bull building (next to the new library), used for seminars, meetings, presentations and examinations.

Russell Street: One of the College graduate accommodations, situated in south Cambridge near the train station.

SCR: The Senior Combination Room refers to both the Fellow community, as well as a room in College located next to Hall, used for seminars, events and special dinners.

South Green Lodge: One of the College graduate accommodations, situated on South Green Road in West Cambridge, beside the St. Catharine’s Sports Grounds.
Cambridge Lingo

**Swap:** When two colleges or societies decide to host each other for a dinner, we call this a “swap”. The MCR Formal Hall Officer organizes several of these a term, which will give you a chance to visit and dine in some of the other colleges around Cambridge. Keep your eyes peeled for e-mails and posts on Facebook advertising these swaps!

**The Van(s):** The “Van of Life” and the “Van of Death” are two staples of nightlife in Cambridge located in Market Square. If you’re craving cheesy fries or a nice bacon cheeseburger after a good night out, The Vans will provide you with exactly what you need.

**UL:** The University Library, located on West Road, in West Cambridge. The UL boasts approximately 8 millions items (including maps and sheet music), with approximately 100,000 new books being added to the collection every year. The UL is only one of 114 different libraries in Cambridge! Thankfully, you can simply search all 114 catalogues as a whole for your research needs, and LibrarySearch will inform you of any and all locations you can find your book in: http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/

**Varsity:** A weekly independent Cambridge University student newspaper (now mostly online). Also an annual ski trip paired with Oxford University. Also a name for any annual sports event in which Cambridge sports team battle it out against Oxford. Also a hotel/spa/restaurant in Cambridge. The word gets around!