

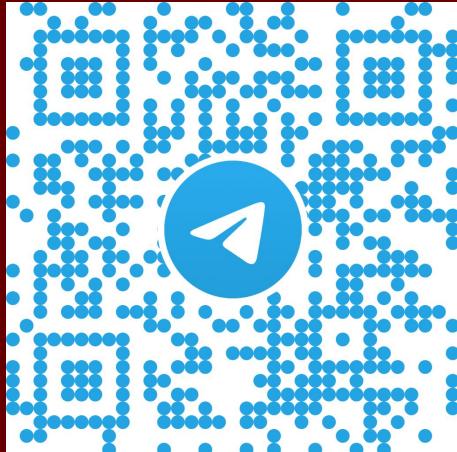


CUMSA Freshers' Tea 2025

Saturday, 2 August 2025



**SIGN UP FOR
ORIENTATION 2025!**



Join our Freshers'
Telegram Channel!



Follow us on
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PROGRAMME

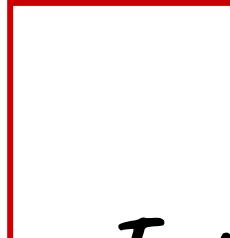
3pm - 3.40pm: Introduction to CUMSA + Pre-Departure Information

3.45pm - 4pm: AIG

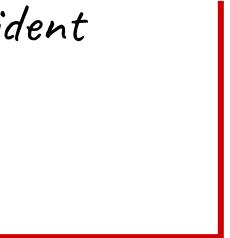
4.05pm - 4.20pm: HSBC

4.25pm - 4.40pm: IMDA

4.40pm onwards: Mingling + Interaction with Booths



Introduction to CUMSA



Alldon Tan, Vice-President

CUMSA COMMITTEE - EXECUTIVE



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Y3 NatSci, Sidney Sussex



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Vice-President
Y3 Law, Christ's



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Y2 NatSci, Girton



Abdul Mateen Kamal
Access & Outreach
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Xavier Yeo
Database
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Events & Welfare
Y2 Law, Wolfson



Zhang Chenxi
Events & Welfare
Y2 Math, St Catharine's

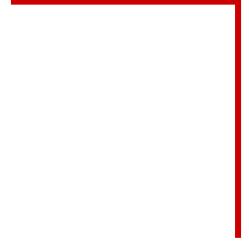
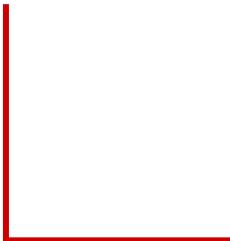


Whang Shih Ee
Events & Welfare
Y2 Engineering, Lucy Cavendish

CUMSA COMMITTEE - GENERAL



Boyang Hou
Graduate Rep
PhD in History, Churchill



What we do

EVENTS



EVENTS



EVENTS



WELFARE ❤



SPORTS



INFORMATION DISSEMINATION



- Internship, career and networking opportunities
- Important updates from Singapore
- Coordination of departure groups
- Access talks and workshops



CUMSA MEMBERSHIP



Join us to enjoy all our wonderful events and privileges!

Lifetime membership: £20
One-year membership: £12

Simply register with us in September once you have obtained your Cambridge email! Alternatively, you can find us at our Freshers' Fair booth (7-8 October 2025) once you are in Cambridge.

ORIENTATION 2025 ✨

- **29 - 31 August** @ CSC Changi II
(D1 & D2) + Sentosa (D3)
- Meet your fellow freshers and seniors
- 3D2N of fun-filled games and activities
- Stand a chance to win attractive prizes





Sign-ups close TOMORROW!

Pre-Departure Information

PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – MEDICAL



Get vaccinated!

- **Meningitis**
- **Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR)**
- Influenza
- Chickenpox
- COVID-19

More information can be found on studentsupport.cam.ac.uk



PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – MEDICAL



HealthHub — view your immunisation records

- Check with your local GP/polyclinic if they offer the vaccination
- **Bring hardcopy vaccination records to UK, e.g., health booklet**
 - May be required during registration with a GP

Register with a GP **once you arrive in Cambridge**

- Find a GP close to your residence and check their website for specific instructions



PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – TRAVEL



Apply for your Student Visa at <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply-online>

- **Can only be done once you receive your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)**
- Visa: £524
- Immigration Health Surcharge: £776/year
- Decisions are generally released within 3 weeks



Apply online

You must apply online for a Student visa.

Check which [documents you'll need to apply](#).

Apply outside the UK

As part of your application, you'll need to prove your identity. How you do this depends on where you're from and what type of passport you have.

You'll either:

- give your fingerprints and a photograph (biometric information) at a [visa application centre](#)
- use the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app to scan your identity document - you'll also create or sign into your UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account

You'll be told what you need to do when you apply.

Once you've started your application, you can save your form and complete it later.

Start now ➤

Part of

[Study in the UK on a Student visa](#)

 Show all steps

1

Check if this visa is right for you

 Show

2

Prepare the evidence you need

 Show

3

Apply from outside the UK

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[Apply from outside the UK – £490](#)

You'll need to prove your identity as part of your application.

You'll usually get a decision within 3 weeks.

[Find out if you can pay more to get a faster decision](#)

This is your CAS Statement. Your unique CAS reference number from the University of Cambridge is [REDACTED]

This CAS Statement contains details that you will need to make your student visa application. There is no hard copy and you do not need to submit your CAS Statement with your visa application.

Please read your CAS Statement in full and check the details carefully. If you believe the CAS Statement contains any errors (such as course end date) or omissions (such as fees paid recently) contact us immediately. You must request any necessary corrections before applying for your visa.

You must obtain your student visa, or show proof of application if eligible to extend your current visa inside the UK, before beginning your studies.

For visa purposes, the University is 'a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance'. The following details have been included in your CAS.

Sponsor Details:

Student Sponsor Name: University of Cambridge

Student Sponsor Licence Number: [REDACTED]

Student Sponsor Full Address (and your 'primary site of study' for visa application purposes): The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1TN.

PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – TRAVEL



Things to note:

- Submit your passport to the Visa Application centre for processing
- Once processed, you will receive an eVisa
 - You will no longer receive a physical document as evidence of your Visa
- Set up a UKVI account to access your eVisa



PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – TRAVEL



Rough timeline:

- 24 Jul - CAS assigned
- 31 Jul - Applied for Visa
- 3 Aug - Biometrics appointment
- 19 Aug - Results received
- 24 Aug - Passport collected



Address:

135 Cecil St, #08-01
Philippine Airlines
Building
Singapore 069536

***Pre-departure
admin***

***Packing and
departure***

Arrival

Settling in



PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – TRAVEL



Exit permits for NSmen

- Required if you intend to remain outside Singapore for 1 year or longer in a single trip
- Apply via the NS Portal at www.ns.gov.sg
- May require proof that you are studying abroad

APPROVED

STUDY (OVERSEAS)
United Kingdom
25 Sep 2023 - 24 Sep 2026

Update contact details Renew Exit Permit Cancel Exit Permit

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PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – ACCOMS

Accommodation instructions will differ between college to college

- If in doubt, pester your college's accommodation team
 - On-site or off-site
 - Earliest date you can move in
 - Type of licence

Some seniors will be selling furniture at discounted prices!



PRE-DEPARTURE ADMIN – MONETARY



Bank Accounts

- HSBC – set up in Singapore!
- Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest
- Monzo, Starling
- YouTrip, Revolut

Insurance – protect yourself from unforeseen events

- AIG



PACKING AND DEPARTURE



Mainly Singapore Airlines/British Airways for direct flights

- Do take note of the **differences in baggage allowance!**
 - SQ: 40kg (ask for student baggage allowance)
 - BA: 23kg (x1 for economy, x2 for premium economy, 32kg for business class)



ARRIVAL



Transport



Coach (National Express)

- Direct to Cambridge Parkside

Train (Tube + National Rail)

- Change/walking required

Private hire vehicle

- May be costly

Check-in



Visit your college's Porters' Lodge

- Collect keys to accommodation

Visit your college's Tutorial Office

- Collect your CamCard and any welcome items

Wi-Fi



University Wi-Fi networks:

- UniOfCam: temporary, sign in using Raven account but logs out after 2 days
- Eduroam: requires setting up but connects permanently

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SETTLING IN

Registering with a GP

- Find the GP that best suits your needs
- Bring required documents for registration as stated on their website
- Meningitis ACWY vaccinations can be done there
- Consultations are free but prescriptions are not



SETTLING IN



Mobile Plans



- The list of some providers can be found in our Freshers' Guide
 - Different plans based on amount of data and desired flexibility
- Check the coverage of your specific provider at your college



SETTLING IN

Bank Accounts

- Take note that it may take some time for your account to be fully processed
- Documents required: passport, unconditional offer letter, letter from college providing admittance and residence address
- All banks in the UK are interlinked — withdrawals can be done at any ATM



SETTLING IN

Furniture

- Can be purchased from big stores like Aldi, Lidl, Tesco, TK Maxx
- Can be bought online with Amazon Prime (free 6 months for students)
 - Coordinate with your friends to get “unlimited” Amazon Prime
- Bicycles can be bought at a discounted price during Freshers’ Fair
- Keep an eye out for seniors who are selling items
 - Common items include cooking utensils, desktop monitors, files, bicycles



EXPLORING CAMBRIDGE AND THE UK



Recommendations can be found in our **Leisure Guide**:

- **Where to shop** — supermarkets, department stores, essential shops
- **What to eat** — good food options around Cambridge
- **Things to do** — sports, religious activities, travelling



FINAL WORDS

- Check your email regularly for any updates from your college
- Pack adequately for both cold and rainy weather
- Prepare a formal set of clothes (or buy them there) for matriculation and formals
- Remember to bring your hardcopy examination certificates over so that your college can verify your results
- CUMSA will be holding a day tour for Freshers some time before Michaelmas term starts!
- Have fun :-)

USEFUL LINKS

Apply for your Visa: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply-online>

eVisa information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-immigration-status-evisa>;
<https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/student-visa-responsibilities/evisa>

VFS Global Website: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/sgp/en/gbr/>

Vaccines: <https://www.studentsupport.cam.ac.uk/communicable-diseases>

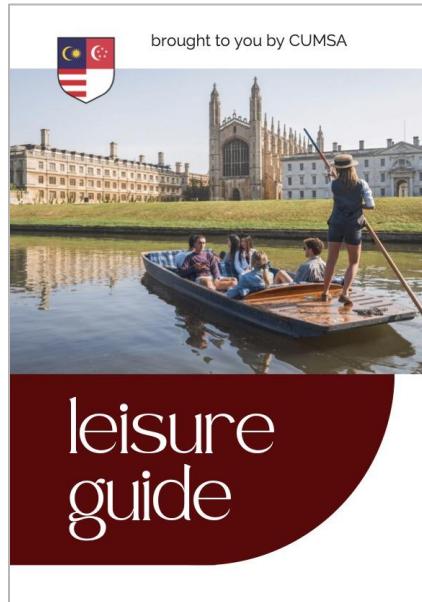
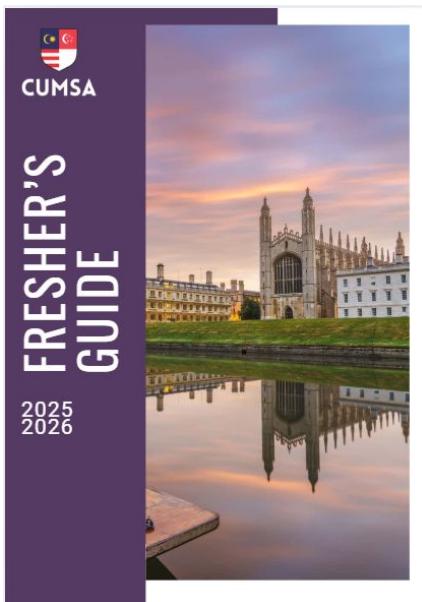
Search for societies: <https://www.cambridgesu.co.uk/opportunities/societies/>

Term dates: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/term-dates-and-calendars>

Cambridge Jargon (courtesy of Sidney Sussex): <https://sscsu.org.uk/cambridge-terminology>

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more specifics, do check out our **Freshers' Guide** and **Leisure Guide** (also on the Freshers' Telegram group/Instagram (@cumsa_)/cumsa.org)



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Silver Sponsors



**Preferred
Bank**



Gold Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



**Preferred
Insurance
Provider**



Thank you!

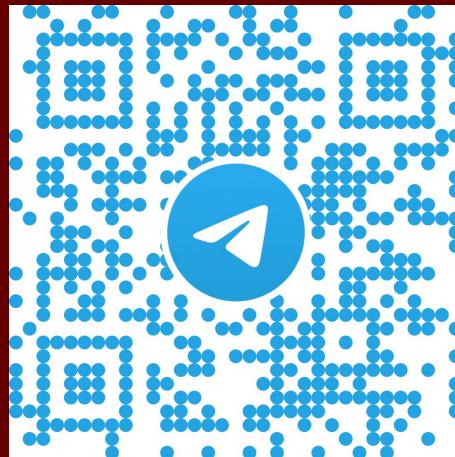
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IMDA

Economics

AIG

Law

HSBC

Natural Sciences

Engineering

CompSci

Maths

Medicine

Others

Free
Food