

Diary of an Offer Holder by Will Hall

5:28 – Can't believe the day is finally upon us. Now just the nervous wait for the postman.

6:03 – Where is this postman? I have been up since 3am waiting for him. 3am last Tuesday. I NEED TO KNOW.

6:33 – I MEAN SERIOUSLY HOW HARD IS IT TO DELIVER POST? ROYAL MAIL HAS GONE TO THE DOGS!

7:05 – Tried to watch an episode of Peep Show to calm myself down. THEN I REMEMBERED THAT DAVID MITCHELL AND ROBERT WEBB ARE BOTH SUCCESSFUL. AND THEY WENT TO CAMBRIDGE. COINCIDENCE? NO.

7:44 – Still no sign of the post. I have absolutely no appetite, and yet I have managed to eat my way through three of those M&S Chocolate Cornflake Tubs. I started eating the plastic before Mother intervened.

8:03 – I bet the postman knows. I bet he's sitting in his van laughing at my rejection letter. What a cruel world we live in.

8:54 – It is now SIX MINUTES TO NINE and STILL NO POST. That's it, whatever the outcome, I've decided I am going to write and complain to Royal Mail – I NEED TO KNOW.

9:27 – It's arrived. I'm in. I WILL NEVER BE UNHAPPY AGAIN.

9:28 – I am unhappy. There is no milk for my celebratory tea.

9:29 – Keep re-reading the letter. "We are delighted to inform you that..." – see, THEY'RE DELIGHTED. I bet they loved me. I bet that interviewer who made me cry actually only did that because he sees me as the future face of Education Studies.

10:21 – Still not sunk in. Have told Mother and Father who are very happy. They said to ring Granny. Granny said she was very proud. Hopefully that pride will translate into a cheque.

10:24 – Changed my cover photo to a picture of that nice courtyard with all the arches when you walk in. Already got 7 likes in 3 minutes! #popular 10: 39 – Why is nobody liking it any more? It has plateaued at 17 likes. Maisie's also changed hers and it's already in the 80's. AND SHE'S GOING TO ROBINSON. Clearly all my friends hate me.

10:41 – Crying because the last time I got above 50 likes was my profile picture when I was 16. This clearly means sixth-form me was universally loathed.

10:46 – Feeling better after mother pointed out that I'll be able to make new friends at Cambridge, and they'll all be clever and they'll like my photos. And they'll all become lawyers.

11:04 – Had a special cooked breakfast to celebrate the news. Mother said I should text Maisie saying well done, but I'm sure one of the 113 likers (hangars-on) can do it for me. My photo has so far mustered a measly 36 likes, and three of them are friends of my parents.

11:51 – OMG, so awks. My godmother has just commented "SO PROUD OF YOU DARLING ELIZABETH. ALL OF YOUR READING PAID OFF". Why did I ever accept her friend request?

12:33 – I have been invited to join the Emmanuel Freshers' Page 2016. Barely 3 hours in and I've already received my first Cambridge invitation. I bet the next one will be to a ball.

12:45 – A boy called John put a post up saying he is also doing English with Education. I have stalked him. He's quite hot – potential Cambridge boyfriend?

12:46 – John's cover photo from March 2012 is him in Tenerife. I'VE ALSO BEEN TO TENERIFE. We'll have so much to talk about!

2:20 – Writing this from A+E, I have sprained my arm after putting it under "significant duress" according to the medics. I was trying to carry my books to the car to take back to the library. I was just... Sorry I got disturbed. I just saw another nurse in the corridor and I realised I hadn't yet told her I had got into Cambridge. Then it turned out... I had! How funny! She seemed so happy for me, she said "That's great."

2:30 – Have just realised the nurse was being sarcastic. Tears have returned.

2:33 – Tried to tell a joke to one of the medics but they didn't laugh. I guess they just don't get my academic sense of humour.

I bet my new friends at Cambridge will.

Elizabeth ended up getting 43 likes, 158 fewer than Maisie who got 201. She will start at Emmanuel College in Michaelmas 2016. She has already bought a toy duck with an Emmanuel scarf for her room, and has been revising her anecdotes, including the one about the dolphin and the toothbrush.

Inspired by Elizabeth, ROAR relived some Offer Holder Page memories. Thanks for your contribution, Dom. We were amazed too!

Introducing your resident (college) Agony Aunt...

MADAM MIDDELL

CONCERNED READER:



Dear Madam Middell,
I'm having the time of my life at college, and it's so lovely to see all my friends (I have a lot of friends). However, recently I've been feeling a bit down in the dumps. The thing is, Madam, how do I tell my friends (and there are loads of them) that over Christmas, I... I... I did some work... (And I quite enjoyed it). Any help appreciated!!

MADAM MIDDELL:

Oh dearie me, pet, you have got your knickers in a twist! This is a right conundrum and will be difficult to sort out! Have you told your friends yet? Have you told anyone yet? If not, phew! Keep it that way! I think one solution to your problem would be to sit down and consciously forget everything you have learned. I mean, really... Work? Over Christmas? Why did you do that? You only have yourself to blame. If you're going to do the work, that's one thing, but God forbid you should tell anyone! My sage wisdom and counsel is that, if you want to keep all these friends of yours, you should keep your mouth shut and fail your mock. It's what any reasonable person would do.

Now off you pop, pet.

Love and kisses,

MADAM MIDDELL

Dom Stafford
11 January 2015 · Congleton

Did anybody else realise how highly Emmanuel places on the Tompkins Table, before applying? I certainly didn't and am amazed to have received an offer from such a good college.

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Emily Robb and Tanvi Acharya like this. Seen by 73

(a post-Christmas conversation)

STUDENT ONE: Hey, how's it going? How was your Christmas?

STUDENT TWO: Yeah, it was really good thanks. You?

STUDENT ONE: Yeah, really nice.

STUDENT TWO: Do anything interesting?

STUDENT ONE: No not really, just stayed at home. You?

STUDENT TWO: Yeah, just stayed at home as well...

STUDENT ONE: Yeah...

STUDENT TWO: So when did you get back?

STUDENT ONE: Saturday.

STUDENT TWO: Yeah, I got back on Saturday too.

STUDENT ONE: I think most people got back on Saturday.

STUDENT TWO: Yeah...

STUDENT ONE: Anyway, I've got to get to...

STUDENT TWO: Yeah, of course! Really nice to catch up!

STUDENT ONE: Yeah, see you soon!



ROAR!



Lent 1: 17th January 2016

FRESHER IN EDGY HAIRCUT SCANDAL

In a shocking turn of events, one Fresher has returned from the Christmas holidays with what has been described as the edgiest haircut ever seen. In Cambridge. Thought of as the biggest news of the term, year and possibly century, Emma's alternative side has truly been exposed this Lent with the arrival of this gregarious, cutting edge, suave and hipster haircut. To quote Buildings and Services Officer, Josh Breedon, "it's the first of its kind at Emma and will take some getting used to". He also issued a health and safety announcement, warning students not to cut themselves on the haircut's sharp, sharp edges. If you haven't seen it, where have you been? Likened to that of Canadian singer, The Weeknd, this haircut has been bobbing round the paddock strutting its stuff to college-wide acclaim. Faces peer through library windows to catch a glimpse, and eyes goggle, triggering hushed whispers. Connor Macdonald, you style guru, you've really gone and done it this time! That haircut is simply too liberal! Here's to Edgy Emma 2016 – see y'all at the urban shed, and thanks Connor, for making us all that bit edgier!

LIVING IN THE PAST?!

Shout out to cherished President KC for reminding us (15 times on Christmas Eve) of the plans for Freshers' Week.
#livelikeafresherforever.

Where's Walter? Find the Founder!



BUCKET LIST FOR LENT

TERM 2016

- Fire Bucket
- Bucket of Water
- Bucket and Spade
- Charlie Bucket
- Bucket Hat
- Swim with Dolphins

Adam Mirsky's self esteem levels:

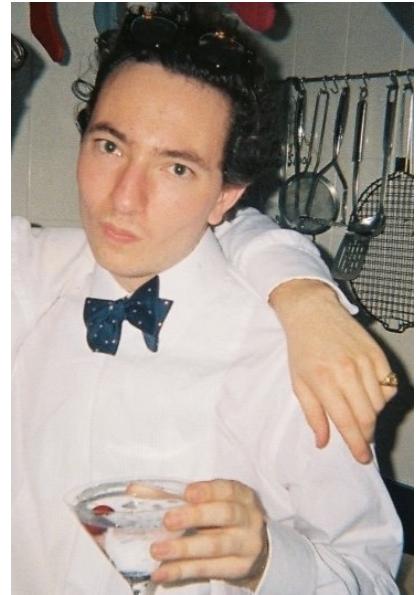
HIGH

FLAVOUR OF THE WEEK: Blueberry Cheesecake

Haiku of the Week

Haikus are quite hard.
Still getting the hang of this.
How many syllables are there
supposed to be in the last line???

Formal Hall



Day of the Week

Wednesday

Sporting Success

Emma Panthers 17 - 4 Chelsea

And a huge ROAR
congratulations to Jake Reynolds,
who was recently selected for the
GB Pole Vault Team. Good luck
in Rio!

HOW IS WELFARE OFFICER KEIR MURISON'S WELFARE?

Well

WRITE FOR ROAR! CHECK FB FOR MEETING TIMES! HYPE!