

Christ's College May Ball 2022

Accessibility Handbook

Summary of the Accessibility Information Relevant to Christ's College
May Ball 2022 to Maximise your Experience as a Guest

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Introduction

This document is a guide to the accessibility information relevant to Christ's College May Ball on 21st June 2022. In this handbook, you will find an overview of important physical accessibility information, food and drink considerations, gender accessibility, mental wellbeing, as well as a map marked with relevant locations.

The Christ's College May Ball Committee would like to ensure that all guests have the most optimal and inclusive experience at the Ball as possible. The following information outlines how we are working to achieve that.

If you have any additional questions, or would like further information, please see the contact information on the final page, and don't hesitate to get in touch.

Event Map



Physical Accessibility

Wheelchair Accessibility

The majority of the Ball is wheelchair accessible, however it should be noted that the Fellows Garden area is mainly grass and gravel, which may pose problems for some electric wheelchair users. There are some areas which aren't due to stairs and no chair-lifts or elevators. This includes the Old Combination Room, Blyth Building toilets, and the DJ area in Third Court. We will be putting down matting for the Third Court stage, and we may also be able to provide a ramp on request to mitigate accessibility issues. The Chapel, where the primary chill-out zone is located, is not usually wheelchair accessible. However, if you are attending the event and would like this area to be made accessible, we can install a temporary ramp. Please get in touch using the contact information on the last page if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these points.

Visual Accessibility

There will be numerous areas with bright and flashing lights during the night. These areas are:

- Main stage in Fellows' Garden
- Third Court stage.
- Projections in Second court.
- Dodgems in the carpark.

In terms of light-levels around the rest of the Ball, we will have a combination of lamp-posts, fairy lights, and up-lighting. If you are concerned that the level of lighting will not be sufficient, please get in touch.

Entrance Accessibility

In order to enter the Ball, we will be operating a queuing system outside the Main Gate. When purchasing tickets, a queue-jump option was offered. If you were not able to purchase a queue-jump ticket for whatever reason, but feel that you would be eligible for one, please get in touch using the contact details on the last page of the Handbook.

Please note that there will also be queuing throughout the Ball at Food and Drink and Entertainment points. If you are concerned about this, don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Auditory Accessibility

The only audio induction loop in the College which will be accessible during the Ball is located in the Porter's Lodge. Currently, we have not arranged any British Sign Language interpreters to be present throughout the Ball. However, if you would be more comfortable with an interpreter attending the event, please let us know as soon

as possible (see contact information on the final page). If you have any other questions regarding auditory accessibility, get in touch.

Health Information

St John's Ambulance will be present at the event. They will be in the JCR in New Court.

If you have a long-term health condition which you would like to inform us about, or are concerned could be affected whilst at the Ball, please get in touch with us using the contact information on the final page.

If you have a carer who usually accompanies you to events, and would feel more comfortable and safe if they were present at the Ball, please contact us.

Gender Accessibility

Dress Code

Christ's May Ball is a black-tie event. Standard black tie consists of a dinner jacket with trousers, a bow-tie, and a white shirt for male-identifying guests, and long evening gowns for feminine-identifying guests however, guests are advised to use their discretion as to other equally black-tie appropriate attires (this may include formal jumpsuits for women, for example). White tie and national dress are also permitted. Sports blazers are not permitted. Non-binary guests may choose to wear either gowns or tuxedos.

Non-binary toilets

At the event, there will be a number of non-binary toilets. Half of the toilets in First Court will be non-binary (these are identifiable by the signs on the outside of their doors). The outdoor toilets in Second Court are non-binary, and the toilets in the Blyth Building are also non-binary.

Please get in touch with the Committee if you have any questions or concerns regarding Gender Accessibility at the Ball.

Food and Drink

Allergies

Due to the wide variety of food and drink at the Ball, we would advise that, if you suffer from a food allergy or intolerance, you remain vigilant throughout the event. Allergen information will be available at the stalls at the event. When buying your ticket, dietary requirement questions were presented. If you missed these questions, or have any further queries, please contact our Food and Drink team.

Special Dietary Requirements

At the Ball, there will be an extensive range of food and drink options. In order to increase the sustainability of the Ball, there will be plenty of vegetarian options, and a number of vegan options - including vegan-only vendors.

Regarding Halal dietary requirements, if you did not fill out the dietary requirement questions when purchasing your ticket, please contact our Food and Drink team using the email address on the final page of the Handbook.

Regarding Kosher dietary requirements, the same applies as above for Halal dietary requirements.

Mental Wellbeing

Quiet Spaces

We understand that the Ball is very intense, and can be overwhelming at times. Because of this, we are organising some 'Chill Out Zones' around the event, so that individuals can take some time out at any point throughout the Ball.

The main Chill Out Zone will be in the Chapel in First Court, which is marked on the map. The OCR (as well as the Buttery and back of the Fellows Garden after 1am) will also provide a more relaxed area with soloists and smaller performers, for guests who would prefer quieter entertainment.

If you think that this may be insufficient, or you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with us using the contact details on the final page.

General Support

If you feel at any point throughout the event that you are in need of assistance or support, you can approach any of the Committee members - we will be wearing white sashes - or any of the ball's workers. The majority of the Committee will have contact with other Committee members and on-duty College staff, and so can find the right support for you as quickly as possible.

The Porters will be on duty in the Porters' Lodge in First Court, and they would also be able to provide assistance if needed.

St John's Ambulance, located in the JCR in New Court, can also offer support and help, though their role is primarily for medical incidents.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Ball or this Handbook, please get in contact with any of the following individuals - whomever you think is most relevant for your concern - and they will respond as quickly as possible.

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