



Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

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Welcome to Corpus Christi College

The College was founded in 1352 by the town guilds of Corpus Christi and the Blessed Virgin Mary, the only Oxbridge college to be founded by the townspeople, not royalty, nobility, or the Church.

One of the main functions of the medieval guilds, particularly during the Black Death, was to arrange funerals for members of the guild, and, subsequently, most guilds (depending on their financial arrangements) would have needed to establish a college of priests to say masses for the souls of the departed. The Guild of Corpus Christi was much more ambitious and founded an academic college, the eighth college to be founded in Cambridge that had students as well as chantry priests.

The Guild of Corpus Christi merged with the Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary, much decimated by the Black Death, but with plenty of property. The united Guild secured an important patron in Henry, Duke of Lancaster, who obtained the licence to found the College from Edward III in 1352. The Guild merged its identity into its new College and faded away, but the College took over its property, feasts, and treasures. The College maintains its links with the town by inviting the Mayor as chief guest at the annual Queenborough Feast held in February.

Old Court

Old Court is the oldest medieval enclosed court in Cambridge. There has been little alteration except to some of the windows and the area near the old Master's Lodge. Part of the south wing was lost to make way for Wilkins' Hall and pantry. The rendering was applied in the C19th to preserve the walls which are mainly constructed in the local stone Clunch, which is not very weather resistant. After consultation with English Heritage, it was decided that it would cause more damage to remove it than leave it on.

New Court

Designed by William Wilkins (National Gallery in London, Downing College, Cambridge) and completed in 1827. It was one of his first Georgian Gothic buildings and is a fine example of the neo-gothic revival.

The symbol of Corpus Christi

A mythical medieval creature, in this case with a swan's body and an eagle's head. According to the story she accidentally kills her young but revives them by pecking her own breast and wetting them with her blood. This is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection, feeding Christians spiritually with his body and blood.

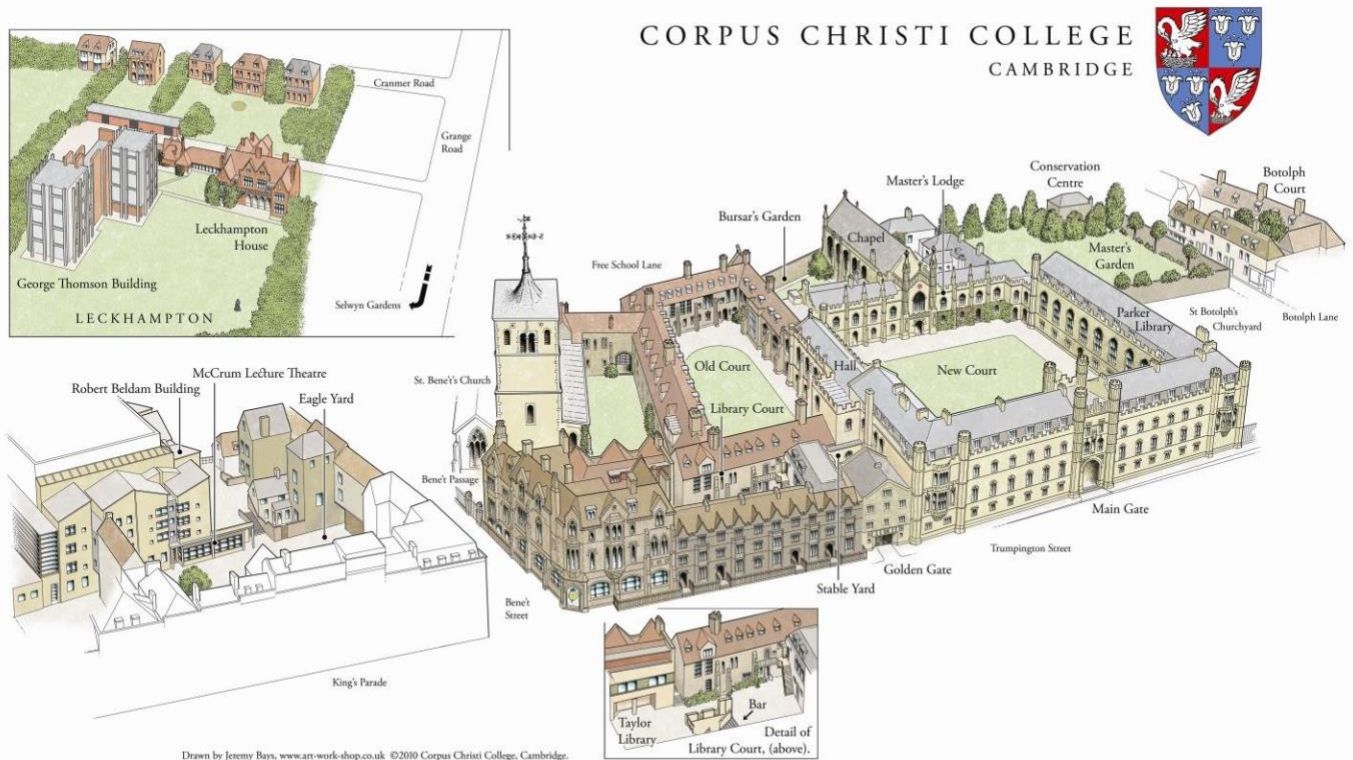
The Lilies: the symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Hall

One of several halls in Cambridge on the first floor. Arranged in a traditional medieval layout with High and Low tables. The Fellowship and their guests sit at High Table. The walls are lined with portraits of past Masters and a portrait of Matthew Parker hangs above High Table. Construction started at around the time of the foundation of the College in 1352 and completed sometime in the 1370s.

College Map



Access and Facilities

Main Gates

The main gate to the College is partially shut, which means that half of the large main doors are closed. At 7.30pm, only the smaller, inner door is open. At 11.30pm the gates are locked and only guests with keys can have access to the College.

The Fellows' Garden gate which leads into Free School Lane is locked at 5pm. Bene's Passage Gate which leads into Old Court is locked at 7.30pm.

[sw1][sw2]Bedroom Keys, Laundry & Kitchens

All guests are issued with a bedroom and A20 key. The A20 key gives all guests access to the College gates and accommodation staircases and Laundry facilities. **Please do not remove any keys from your bedroom set. You will be charged £10 for each key which is lost or not returned.** Lost keys must be reported immediately to the Head Porter.

Laundry Facilities

Washing machines, dryer and ironing board can be found in the Stable Yard which is accessible with your A20 key. There is no charge for the facilities, but you will need to provide your own laundry detergent.

Porters Lodge

The Porters Lodge is manned 24 hours a day by a team of College Porters, headed up by the Head Porter, Mr Simon Harding and the Deputy Head Porter is Mr Alastair Lawrence.^[SW3] The Porters Lodge operates between 6.00am and 11pm 7 days a week. Outside of these hours, please only go to the Porters Lodge in an emergency. All mail is received by the Porters Lodge, and they look after the safety and security of the College.

If you find a fire or have a medical emergency, you must report this straight to the Porters Lodge. The Porters will alert the Emergency Services by calling 999. ***Please do not call 999 yourself.***

Junior Combination Room

The Junior Combination Room (JCR) can be used by students only and will be held responsible for their behaviour. Incidents that involve bad behaviour (including, but not limited to, threatening, violent, intimidating or excessively noisy behaviour) must be avoided. The Duty Porters are empowered to close the Junior Combination Room whenever they consider that circumstances warrant such action.

Bedmakers

The College Bedmakers keep all bedroom and common room areas clean. Bedders as they are known in Corpus will replace your bedlinen and sheets once a week, clean the bathrooms daily, empty your bin and clean your bedroom sink. Please ensure that you keep your bedroom tidy and clear so that the Bedders can clean your room properly. Please respect your bedroom, College furniture and all Staff.

Please do not move any bedding from your room and kindly use the notice boards in your room, do not stick or pin any items to the walls or furniture. If you find any damage, please report it as soon as you can to your Course Leader or the College Conference Manager.

Internet

Wireless Internet is available in your bedroom, you will find a username and password in your welcome pack. Wi-Fi is available in the public areas of the college.

Health and Security

Fire Alarms

On arrival at the College please ensure you make yourself aware of all routes in and out of the building, where the fire exits are, which one is the nearest and that it is kept clear at all times.

All rooms contain a printed notice setting out the action to be taken in the event of fire, including fire escape routes. These must not be removed or obscured. Tampering with, obscuring, or removing fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and other fire-prevention or fire-fighting equipment

is prohibited. Such conduct constitutes a threat to the lives of members and employees of the College and to the safety of the College buildings.

Oil heaters, portable gas heaters, candles, shisha or hookah pipes and incense burners/sticks constitute a fire risk and are prohibited. Fireworks and bonfires are forbidden.

Escape routes, corridors, and hallways must be kept clear of all obstructions. All fire doors must be kept closed and never wedged open. No alteration may be made to the electrical wiring system of any College room and all equipment must be connected to the power supply using suitable plugs and adaptors.

The alarm system is designed to give the earliest possible warning of any potential fire, it is very sensitive. If a fire should occur the system in that area will go into fire; this is a time to leave the building by the nearest exit. If a fire occurs and the system is not in fire leave the building and activate the alarm on your way out. Report to your fire assembly point, this will be displayed on the fire action notice which is attached to the wall in your room.

Fire alarms are tested every Thursday morning.

Doctors

If you need to see a doctor, please let your course/programme directors know in the first instance. The Conference Manager will then make an appointment at Trumpington Street Medical Practice for you. You will need to fill out a temporary registration with the practice.

The NHS (National Health Service) has a website <http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk> available if you are feeling unwell.

College Security

The College is open to visitors during the vacation so please be vigilant and do not leave bags, laptops, mobile phones or any personal items unattended. Please keep your bedroom doors locked when you are not in. Provided your room is locked, it is safest to leave valuable and important documents locked in your suitcase in your room and not to carry them with you. If you have any concerns, please go straight to the Porters Lodge.

Personal Security

Cambridge is a safe city. However, you should not walk around the city on your own after dark and you should always notify someone if you do leave the College. Keep your wallet or purse in your bag; keep it in front of you. Do not leave your bag on the back of your chair where you can not see it.

College Rules

A full copy of the College Guidelines is available, and your course leader has a copy as well. Please also read and follow the rules below.[SW4]

General Rules of Behaviour

Students are expected to always behave respectfully towards others, comply with any instruction issued by a College officer or by any person authorised to act on behalf of the

College and to comply with all health and safety regulations and instructions issued by the College.

Students must not engage in any antisocial, abusive, humiliating, or derogatory behaviour or behave in a disorderly or disruptive manner against a member or employee of the College, its guests or a visitor to the College.

Students must not commit improper and/or unlawful discrimination against any person, endanger the health and safety of anyone within College or make false or malicious allegations or representations against another member or employee of the College.

Only College property or premises are allowed to be used and accessed in connection with the organised schedule and activities booked by the main organiser or representative person on site. Property belonging to a member or employee of the College shall not be damaged.

The College computer system and Wi-Fi must not be used to access prohibited material.

Students must not engage in conduct which brings the reputation of the College into disrepute.

Alcohol

The College does not allow the procession and consumption of alcohol for anyone under the age of 18 years old. Parties or large gatherings are not permitted in College residential and accommodation areas.

Drugs

The College will not tolerate the presence of illegal (class A, B or C) drugs in any College buildings or on any College premises, and bringing any illegal drug to College, or storing, producing or using it there is strictly forbidden. Any Student suspected of supplying or dealing in illegal drugs will be reported to Cambridgeshire Constabulary for investigation

Firearms, Dangerous Weapons, and Explosives

No firearms, weapons or explosive substances of any description are allowed in the College. If a student considers that they have a very good reason to bring any of these into College, they must contact the Dean of College.

Smoking

It is illegal to smoke in any indoor public areas in England. Students are not allowed to smoke in their college rooms. If you would like to smoke, please go to the Golden Gate in Stable Yard and use the cigarette bin provided. If you are unsure, please ask the Porters Lodge. E-cigarettes are subject to the same restrictions.

Noise and Disturbance

Please remember that there are other students, Fellows and members of staff living and working near you.

The hours between 23:00 and 08:00 are silent hours. During these hours, any noise that is heard outside a room is prohibited. Audio equipment and musical instruments may not be used unless the sound can be contained fully – e.g., via the use of headphones.

Outside of silent hours, playing music or musical instruments is permitted but noise levels must not cause annoyance or disturbance. Always keep noise to a minimum, do not play music outside in the College courts and refrain from shouting.

Rooms

Students are required to keep their rooms clean and maintain them in good order. Please do not dry clothes on or near radiators in your room or hang wet laundry in the room. You must use the dryers available.

Roofs

At no point should you ever go on to the roofs or battlements of college buildings. Anyone found doing so will be expelled from the College immediately.

College Lawns

There is a rule at all the colleges in Cambridge that only College Fellows are allowed to walk on the grass. Please do not run or walk on the lawns.

St. Bene't Churchyard

St. Bene't Church has a close association with the College, dating back to its Foundation. The Churchyard adjoins the College. It may be visited and used as a place of tranquillity and reflection but as consecrated ground it must be respected. Its use, for example, for picnics, come togethers is not permitted.