



QMCR Freshers' Week Guide 2018

Please find the library induction dates and buttery (cafeteria) opening times at the end of this document. Minor changes may occur. Please consult the QMCR website (qmcr.org.uk) for the most up-to-date version.

Mandatory events are in Queens' Green. If in doubt, please contact Yudi Ding (mcr-secretary@queens.cam.ac.uk).

Tuesday 25 September

17:00 Drinks served for early arrivers in the MCR Woodville Room

If you are arriving early, then join us for some casual drinks in the MCR, followed by dinner in Cripps Hall. We will then go to The Eagle, one of Cambridge's famous pubs, leaving from the Plodge at 19:00.

Thursday 27 September

Most graduates will arrive on this day. If you're moving into a college house or main site room, collect your room keys and university card from the College Porters' Lodge (Plodge) in Silver Street. If you're moving into Owlstone Croft collect your room key and university card from Owlstone Porters' Lodge. If you're moving into private accommodation you'll still need to collect your university card from the College Plodge. Check your pigeon hole - you will have one in the main college Plodge and one at your place of residence!

12:00 – 16:00 Student registration in the Armitage Room (staircase FF)

Passport, visa and ID document scanning.
Alternatively you can do this on Friday 28 Sept.

17:00 Tea and biscuits in the MCR Woodville Room

18:00 Butory dinner in Cripps Hall

Dinner is served between 17.45 and 19:00 during term time. In the cafeteria you can pay with cash, or with your university card as soon as you have set up your UPAY account (see Fresher's pack).

19:00 Visit to the Anchor Pub , leave from the Porter's Lodge (Plodge)

Join us at 19:00 at the Plodge for a visit to the Anchor Pub and meet your fellow graduates and us – your MCR committee! The pub is right across the road from the porter's lodge and hard to miss - join us there later if that suits you better. We will have a separate space booked for Queens'.

Friday 28 September

10:00 – 12:30 Student registration in the Armitage Room (staircase FF)

Passport, visa and ID document scanning.

12:00 – 16:00 Graduate Registration, starts in QBar

This day holds some official induction events including the signing of the matriculation register, after which you are formally a student of Queens' college. This is also when you will receive your university card. The compulsory events on this day are as follows:

12:00 Graduate tutors welcome lunch buffet in QBar

13:00 Tutors and staff welcome presentations in Fitzpatrick Hall

14:15 Signing of matriculation register in the President's Lodge

14:30 – 16:15 Afternoon tea in the President's Lodge's Garden (Old Hall if raining)

18:00 Butory dinner in Cripps Hall

20:00 Official MCR welcome reception in Old Hall

We will hold a welcome reception in the evening; the dress code is formal–no gowns. Typically this means either a dark lounge suit and tie or a dress from just above the knee to about two inches above the ankle, or other formal wear.

Saturday 29 September

11:00 – 13:30 Brunch in Cripps Hall and coffee and Grad Buddy induction in QBar

The MCR will host a Grad Buddy Q&A session in the QBar conservatory with coffee, tea and biscuits. This is the opportunity for you to meet your Grad Buddies, continuing students at Queens' college studying subjects close to yours, and those studying at Queens' in similar fields. You can drop in at any time after 11:00.

13:30 – 14:15 College tour with Joe Stallard, convene at the Mathematical Bridge Have a taste of Joe's unsurpassed love for this college and its rich history.

14:15 – 15:00 Practical Cambridge tour with Juan Sebastian Cañavera, meet at Old Gate

After some time in Cambridge, a number of practical questions may arise: where do I find a good pharmacy, some cheap electricity adaptors, or a supermarket that is

larger than the Co-op or Tesco express? Where is the bank? Juan knows it all.

15:00 – 18:00 MCR punting and cream tea, MCR Woodville Room

We hope to see you at 15:00 for a relaxed afternoon. Cambridge is home to punting and Queens' College owns four punts themselves (though the fleet may see a slight expansion throughout the year). As not all of you will fit into the punts simultaneously, we will serve tea and scones at the same time in the Woodville Room. The punts moor next to the Woodville Room so just come and see us there!

19:30 MCR quiz night with Hugo Hadfield and Piet Lammers, QBar

Quizmaster Hadfield regularly hosted some highly regarded quizzes throughout last year, and we hope that his attendance sets the tone for the year to come. Come join us in QBar, right after dinner.

23:00 Night out in Cambridge, leave from QBar

Cambridge would not be Cambridge without its vibrant nightlife. Join us at 11pm at the Plodge for an excursion to clubs.

Sunday 30 September

10:00 – 11:00 MCR run club, Owlstone Croft Plodge

A chilled run through the Grantchester meadows. No better way to explore the surroundings! Meet at 10:00 at Owlstone Croft Plodge.

11:00 – 13:00 Brunch in Cripps hall

11:00 – 13:00 Portraits on the Erasmus Lawn

Right before the matriculation photo there is an opportunity to have your portrait taken on the Erasmus Lawn, formally dressed and with gown.

13:30 Matriculation photo, Walnut Tree Court

The photo will be taken in Walnut Tree Court and the dress code is formal **with gown** (strictly enforced). Make sure you arrive on time and properly dressed. Options are: a black or very dark grey/blue lounge suit and necktie with a plain, long-sleeved, collared white shirt; or a very dark long-sleeved long dress; or full-length trousers with a white or black blouse. Wear black shoes of a sober style (no sandals, open-toe shoes, boots or trainers). **Make sure you have your gown with you!**

14:00 – 17:00 Mixer event, starts in Cripps hall

The rest of the afternoon is filled with induction events. The mixer event in Cripps hall, is followed by a scavenger hunt throughout the college and, at 4pm, a subject cluster groups meet-up with refreshments, in the *Old Hall and Old*

Kitchens. You will be walking quite a lot, so wear sensible shoes.

19:00 Tea in the Woodville Room, followed by a film screening in the Fitzpatrick Hall

Elizabeth Weir – this year's welfare officer – is hosting the first welfare tea of the year in the Woodville Room. This will be followed by a film screening in the Fitzpatrick hall, where we will watch a great film — to be announced! Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Monday 1 October

14:30 – 15:30 Boatie Squash in Fitzpatrick hall

15:30 – 18:00 Queens' Societies Squash in Lyon court and QBar (Fitzpatrick Hall if raining)

20:00 Owlstone Croft BBQ in Owlstone Croft Common Room

For those who do not live in Owlstone Croft: it is a Queens'-owned graduate accommodation block on the banks of the Cam, 15 minutes walk from the main site, so many of your fellow Queens' freshers will spend lots of time here. We are hoping for some great weather for the BBQ that we will organise from 20:00 onwards.

Tuesday 2 October

18:45 – 22:00 Matriculation dinner, Fitzpatrick hall, Cripps hall and Old Hall

The Matriculation dinner is free, and you will be sitting close to students and fellows in similar subjects. Drinks are served in the Fitzpatrick hall at 18:45, the dinner itself is immediately after that in Cripps hall and Old Hall (depending on course). Dress code is as for the matriculation photo, **including gowns**.

22:00 Drinks in QBar

Drinks will be served in QBar after the dinner.

Wednesday 3 October

10:00 or 11:00 Fresher's fair at Parker's Piece, meet at the Plodge at 10:00 or 11:00.

The Fresher's fair is a huge event at Parker's Piece where many university-wide committees and university sports clubs display themselves. A great way to explore what extracurriculars to take on during your time in Cambridge. We will leave in two groups, at 10:00 and 11:00.

17:00 Tea-tasting in the MCR Woodville Room

Join Mansoor for a diverse range of finest teas and cakes!

20:00 Inter-college Bar Crawl

In the evening there will be a college bar crawl. Details to be announced!

Thursday 4 October

19:00 First MCR formal, in the Cripps Hall

Formals are organised weekly during term time, alternating between Tuesday and Thursday. These are Cambridge's signature events to socialise and meet new people – throughout the whole year, not just in freshers' week. Dress code is formal with gowns, and booking via UPAY (open on Monday 1st Oct).

Friday 5 October

20:00 First MCR Party, starting in the MCR Woodville Room

MCR parties tend to be very, very nice and casual events. The ideal evening path after that leads into Spoons – regarded the most illustrious club in Cambridge.

Saturday 6 October

14:00 – 18:00 Visit to Grantchester, meet at the Plodge

After brunch, join us for a walk to the lovely village of Grantchester with its famous tea room and orchard where we will enjoy afternoon tea and with scones or cakes.

18:00 – 19:00 [TBC] Concert by Queens' Grad Choir

19:00 LGBTQ+ Welcome Drinks with Jesus College LGBT in both Jesus MCR and Queens' MCR

Queens' is a place where you can be yourself. We support and celebrate diversity. We will have pizza with Jesus LGBTQ+ at 7pm (meet-up at Jesus College Plodge), and then drinks in the Woodville room from 8pm. All welcome!

Sunday 7 October

10:00 – 12:00 MCR squash initiation in Lyon Court

Discover squash in this initiation sessions with David Brossault. All level welcome.

14:00 – 15:30 PhD meet-up in the MCR Woodville Room

Tea, coffee and cakes are served in the Woodville Room, and there will be continuing PhD students that will be able to answer any questions that you may have about PhD life and doing a PhD in Cambridge.

15:30 Critical Walking Tour, leaving from the Plodge

A tour which takes you beyond the facade of Cambridge through stories of feminist struggles, social activism and postcolonial history, led by Tobias, Ankita, Susie & Mansoor who are working on these topics at different institutions across the University.

18:00 Choral Evensong & Reception with the Dean of Chapel, the Queens' Chapel, Gown Required.

20:00 First MCR wine and cheese tasting in Old Hall

The MCR regularly organises wine and cheese nights. This is a great way to enjoy the Old Hall during term time. This event is also open to continuing members of the MCR. Please sign up for this event as we can only accommodate for a limited number of people (details will be sent later). Dress code is formal, and no gowns are required.

Monday 8 October / Tuesday 9 October

18:30 President's Lodge visit

You will be contacted directly by the President's Secretary to arrange a visit.

Wednesday 10 October

13:30 – 15:00 Doug Dennis's Historical Tour of Cambridge, leaving from the Plodge

An introduction to the history and geography of the town and university and the developing relationship between them.

Queens' College Library Induction, in the Queens' College Library

Library induction tours for graduates will take place at the following times:

From Mon 1 Oct to Thu 4 Oct 10:00 and 14:00

Introduction to the Cambridge library system, in Room CC43 (Cripps Court)

Familiarise yourself with libraries, e-resources and special collections with the college librarian. Drop in at one of the following times:

Mon	1 Oct	19:00
Tue	2 Oct	15:00
Wed	3 Oct	15:00