

QMCR WELCOME

2011



Welcome to Queens'

Firstly let us congratulate you on being accepted at Queens' College! We hope that the MCR will provide you with some great opportunities. If you are not already aware, the MCR is the graduate community at Queens' which is run by a Committee voted for by our graduate students. We organise events and help make decisions related to the life of a graduate student at Queens'.

Included are:

- Some general, important information
- Information on MCR and joint JCR/MCR clubs
- A detailed guide for Freshers' week
- A provisional calendar for the first few weeks after you get here
- A checklist of things to do when you arrive



Included in this brochure are various bits of information that we think are important for new graduates to know. This should allow for an easier transition into life as a graduate student at Queens'. It is by no means a complete and thorough guide.

You can find a list of the committee members on the last page with contact details. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions before you arrive at Cambridge. Also, please feel free to check the pages below for the latest information:

- QMCR Website <http://www.qmcr.org.uk>
- Facebook group (<http://tinyurl.com/3gllrhc>)
- Twitter page @QueensMCR for the latest information.

Thanks and we hope to see you all soon at the start of term,

Your Queens' MCR Committee

Food at College

There are a number of different ways of dining at Queens'. Most of these require payment by the use of a payment system, Upay.

Upay

Upay is a payment system used by the College and you will need to sign up. You will need your University Card available at the Welcome Meeting.

To activate your account:

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2. Click on Create New Account in the bottom right hand corner.
3. The Company ID for Queens' College is 32
4. Your User ID can be found on the back of your University Card in the bottom left hand corner, before the forward slash, (eg xy1234t). Now follow the on screen instructions. You will be asked to enter an email address, please use your full Cambridge University address here (e.g. spq123@cam.ac.uk).
5. An email will be sent to you (please note this can take 30minutes to 1 hour, but is often much quicker). Once the email is received go back to www.upay.co.uk and use the Login option in the middle of the screen and enter the username and password given to you in the email.
6. Follow the on screen instructions to create your account, including setting your personal password for subsequent use.

Buttery

Every day there is food served at College. Payment can be made by cash or by using your University card which can be topped up on the Upay website

During term-time, buttery hours are as follows but may change during vacation periods.

Breakfast: 8:15 - 9:15	(weekdays)
Lunch: 12:30 - 1:30	(weekdays)
Dinner: 6:00 - 7:00	(every day)
Brunch: 11:30 - 1:30	(Saturdays)
11:00 - 1:00	(Sundays)

Formal Hall

Formal hall is a table-service 3 course meal for which, as a Queens' Member, you are required to wear a gown. Formals must be booked in advance on the Upay website. There is an MCR Formal hall every other Thursday in term time which normally sells out. These can be a lot of fun and are definitely worth going to at least once if not all the time. Only water is provided to drink so it is normally customary to bring a bottle of wine to a maximum of 1 bottle per person.



Guest Nights and Feasts

Guest nights and Feasts are a chance for you to invite your friends and family to a special dinner in College. Feasts occur once per term and Guest Nights are two or three times a term. You are generally guaranteed to attend once each during your time here at Queens'. More information will be supplied when entry to the ballots are announced.



Clubs and Societies

There are plenty of opportunities to join a variety of clubs at College. A great place to learn about most of these is at the College Squash. Here is some information about specific graduate clubs plus others where Queens' Graduates have found themselves at home over the last year.

Grad Choir

Whether you regularly sing in the shower, are a seasoned chorister, or simply like to hum along to an MP3 player, Queens' Graduate Choir is a friendly, relaxed and welcoming music group for anyone and everyone. We cover everything from Abba to sacred pieces by Tallis and Wesley; these are performed at various college events throughout the year. Rehearsals are 6-7pm every Thursday in the College Chapel. For more details contact Brendan (btm26), Conor (cd424) or Matt (mpjf2).



MagSoc

The St Margaret's Society of Queens' (MagSoc) is the College Music society and runs full orchestral and choral concerts each term. It also recently founded the Stanford Orchestra which meets more frequently on Saturday evenings. See the website for more info: <http://www.srcf.ucam.org/magsoc/>

If you play an instrument or sing, musicians are always welcome to perform in the termly Graduate Music Concert, accompanists are available if needed. Please email Matt Fright mpjf2 for further details.

Queens' MCR Football

The Queens' MCR football team is one of the most successful in the university. We play in the University's MCR league, a mixture of MCRs and Departmental or University Society teams. As reigning league champions we're hoping to go one better this year and win the league and cup double.

Matches are usually played on Saturdays, with 5-a-side practice sessions on Wednesday evenings. We also try to organize plenty of social events throughout the year.

We're always looking for new players so if you're interested in playing, or even just coming to the practice sessions during the week for some more casual football, please get in touch with this year's captain Gregor: gbs24@cam.ac.uk

Badminton

The MCR books out the sports hall in college every Sunday for a graduate Badminton night. Any level of ability is welcome and you can even borrow a racquet if you don't have one yourself. The emphasis is on social play but if you'd like more competitive games then come along for details of a new Queens' graduate team. Dates and times will be shown on the MCR calendar. Contact Anup (ap604) for more info.

Squash

Squash at Queens' has something to offer for all abilities; with three of our own courts, top level players may find challenge in the college ladder or JCR-run college team, whilst casual or beginners can just as easily book a court through the plodge and go for bit of a dabble. The MCR squash nights are on tuesdays, racquets and balls provided - everyone welcome!

Important Information

Queens' Hockey

Although not exactly a graduate only club, recently, it has been joined by a number of graduate students. The captain this year is Sam Way. Please email him to find out about training: sw553@cam.ac.uk

Netball

Netball at Queens' is a thriving club. With two female and one mixed team everyone can play, regardless of experience or gender! Matches are usually weekly (Sat or Sun), plus the Cuppers tournament, so you can have as much or as little involvement as you like. While run by JCR members, graduates are very welcome and it's a great way to keep fit and have a laugh! Contact lhg25 (womens) or ebh23 (mixed) if you're keen.



Rowing

Many students would agree that the Cambridge experience is incomplete without rowing, with about 40% of all students giving it a try. Most "boaties" begin their rowing career in Cambridge so you don't need to be experienced to join. Furthermore, being in the boat club is not only about physical exercise; the formal swaps with crews from other colleges give it a strong social aspect too. Be warned, rowing can be very addictive! For more info, contact the Lower Boat captains Luke (lrrc2) or Amy (nalf2).

QAS

Queens' Arts Seminar is a friendly and informal seminar group focusing on various topics within the Arts. With talks given by both visiting academics as well as Cambridge's finest, it's a great opportunity to hear fascinating talks and discuss your views. QAS runs on Wednesday nights with the first on 19th October. Refreshments provided.



Events

There are number of events that you are required to attend as well as some that you may wish to. The first event and one you must attend is the Graduate Tutors Welcome Meeting on Friday 1st October. This is where you will be given your university cards. Following this is a welcome party which allows for you to meet your fellow new students and some members of the committee.

There are plenty of exciting events planned for the first two weeks that you arrive and many after. All events that are planned are entered into a Google Calender which you can view on our website or subscribe to using this link: <http://tinurl.com/qmcrcl>.

If your having trouble finding your way around here is a google map with all the important land marks: <http://tiny.cc/uxoc9>.

Freshers' Week Explained

A Guide to What's Happening , and Where!

Thursday 29th September

Okay, so you've arrived in Cambridge, perhaps for the first time ever! Make your way to the college Porter's Lodge where you can pick up your key and check your pigeon hole (pidge). The pidge is really important – you'll get lots of information put in there, especially early in the term, so check it often! The porters will be able to direct you to your accommodation. Once unpacked, we've put together a checklist of really important things you should sort out as a matter of priority! See page 8.

Friday 30th September

The morning will be free to work on that checklist! At 4pm, head to the Fitzpatrick Hall in college for the **Graduate Tutors' Meeting**. This is where to get your Uni Card and also lots of other useful info. After the meeting there are drinks and nibbles in the college bar, QBar, where you can meet other new Grads as well as current students at Queens'. This is also the time to get hold of tickets for all the events we're running throughout Freshers' week and sign up for the tours as well.

Saturday 1st October

Come to the Woodville Room from 10am for **relaxed coffee, tea and pastries** . It's a great chance to meet people in a chilled-out setting and receive loads of useful information. We'll also be selling **secondhand gowns**, from 11am - £25 for BA, £35 for MA; arrive promptly to avoid disappointment! At 8pm, join us for a **Wine and Cheese Evening**; this event is limited in numbers and always popular, so be sure to purchase tickets from the Events Officers during the Tutors' Welcome Party. After you've had your fill of wine and cheese, be sure to come to the **Afterparty** at a local club. This is the first real opportunity for new and returning Queens' students to mingle, and is always a brilliant night!

Sunday 2nd October

Join us for a stroll through the beautiful University **Botanical Gardens** at 1pm! In the case of rain, we'll head instead to one of Cambridge's fine museums. At 7pm, come along for **dinner at the Anchor** pub, located right across the street from the Queens' plodge. With a great selection of food and drinks and a fantastic river view, it's the perfect place to while away an evening.

Tuesday 4th October

At 4pm, make sure you go to Walnut Tree Court for the **Matriculation Photograph** of all new graduates. Dress code is lounge suits / knee-length dress or skirt and your gown. Beginning with a drinks reception at 7pm is the **Matriculation Dinner** – this is free, and is college's welcome to you as a new student. Check your email for invitations and dress code – you must RSVP! We'll head to QBar after the meal for drinks.

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The first **MCR formal hall** of term, starting 7pm, with pre-dinner sherry in Qbar from 6:45pm. Tickets are limited and can only be bought via the cashless system, so make sure you register for this and sign-up early to avoid disappointment. We will be running an alternative meal for those who don't get tickets, and we'll all meet up afterwards in Qbar for drinks regardless.

Friday 7th October

QEnts is one of the biggest student-run events promoters in Cambridge and their bops are rightly famously great nights – you should try at least one in your time at Queens! The **first bop of the year** is always really popular but we've got some tickets reserved and will be heading over there around 10pm after a drinks party in the Woodville Room.

Saturday 8th October

Queens' alumnus and historian Doug Dennis will lead one of his famous tours of Cambridge, meeting at the Porter's Lodge at 1:30pm. You'll gain some insight into the history and development of Cambridge - this is the only tour to give you the whole story! Numbers are limited and we'll operate an online sign-up. Since this is always a popular event, we'll have another tour later in the month as well. At 9pm, join us for a pub crawl. This is a great opportunity to sample some of Cambridge's finest pubs, including the Maypole, the Pickerel and the Free Press!

Sunday 9th October

We'll wrap up Freshers' Week in classic Cambridge style with a leisurely walk to Grantchester, a picturesque country village famous for its association with poets, philosophers and writers - the likes of Rupert Brooke, Virginia Woolf and Bertrand Russell. The Orchard tearoom is a must visit and the local pubs do great Sunday roasts - the perfect way to relax before work gets underway properly on Monday!

And that's it! There will be many more events throughout October and the rest of Michaelmas term, but we'll tell you more about those when you get here. Please check the MCR website and facebook page for changes and updates to the timetable.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming you all to Cambridge!

Kristen and Robert

Termcard

Events are subject to change (or just be added to!) so check the website for the up to date Google Calendar.



Queens' MCR Termcard Michaelmas 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29 Freshers Arrive!	30 Graduate Tutors Party	1 -MCR Coffee Morning -Wine Tasting -Afterparty!
2 -Botanical Gardens Visit -Dinner at the Anchor	3	4 Matriculation Photo and Dinner	5	6 -MCR Formal -Drinks at QBar	7 -Drinks in the Woodville Room -QEnts Bop	8 -Historic Cambridge Tour -Pub Crawl
9 Visit to Grantchester	10	11	12 "Speed Meeting"	13	14 -Owlstone Night-In -QEnts Bop	15 -Day Trip to Ely -MCR Ceilidh
16 Historic Queens' Tour	17	18	19 Queens' Arts Seminar	20 -MCR Formal -Drinks at QBar	21 -College Guest Night -QEnts Bop	22 -Historic Cambridge Tour -QBar Quiz Night
23 Wine Tasting in Old Hall	24	25	26	27	28	29 Halloween Party!
30 Scary movie night in Old Hall/ Old Kitchens	31	1	2 Queens' Arts Seminar	3	4	5 Bonfire Night Party

Checklist

A small checklist of things that should be done in the first few weeks of term.

- Attend the Tutors' welcome meeting and party. Friday September 30th at 4pm in the Fitzpatrick Hall.
- Collect your **University Card** from Robbie Kneale at the Tutors' welcome meeting on the 2nd (unless you are an MBA student, in which case your card will be distributed to you by the Judge Institute). If for some reason you are unable to go to the Tutors' meeting, you can collect your card from Robbie later at her office (Essex Building 3A).
- Activate your Hermes, PWF and Raven **computer accounts**. The "Raven" password which will be assigned to you during this process will allow you to get onto the internet through the wireless Lapwing network at various places on campus, and is necessary to register your computer for internet access in your College room. There are three ways to do this:
 - A) If you are living in Queens' accommodation, it should be possible to simply plug your computer into the ethernet socket. Open a new browser window and you will be directed to the Queens' network registration page. Follow the "Students and other College Members Link" and then click on "collect your passwords".
 - B) If you have internet access somewhere else, visit <https://jackdaw.cam.ac.uk/signup/>.
 - C) There are computers in the MCR, the college computer room (Essex building) as well as at Owlstone Croft where you can register: Use the login 'signup' with no password, this will allow you to access the "jackdaw" webpage of method (B).
- Bookmark the **MCR website**, at <http://qmcr.org.uk>. The website contains reference information for graduate students, as well as a calendar of upcoming events.
- Join the QMCR 2011-2012 **Facebook** group <http://tinyurl.com/3gllrhc> and follow us on **Twitter @QueensMCR** to get the latest info.
- Sign up for the **Cashless payment system**, which is how you will pay for food in the college cafeteria, as well as book for formal Halls. To activate your account:
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 6. Follow the on screen instructions to create your account, including setting your personal password for subsequent use.
- Locate your **pigeon hole**, which is your mailbox in college (everyone automatically receives one). It's in the Porters' Lodge. Check this early and often, as a lot of important information will come through it, especially during the first couple of weeks.

Checklist

- Get a **Gown**. Ryder & Amies or Ede and Ravenscroft sell ex-hire gowns and a limited number are available at discount from the MCR, at the coffee morning on Saturday 1st October. The GU also hires gowns. Gowns are required for the Matriculation Photograph and Dinner as well as all Formal Halls and other official College activities.
- Make sure you're on the **mailing list**. The QMCR Mailing list is an important form of communication in the MCR. It is a monitored mailing list and used by the committee to send out important information. You should be automatically signed up when you arrive at Cambridge using your new email address. This process is not instantaneous so until this happens everything posted to the list will also be posted to the website at <http://www.qmcr.org.uk>. If you have not received an email on the mailing list after a couple of weeks of term, then please email mcr-secretary@queens.cam.ac.uk.
- Register with a **medical surgery**. You should be given a list of local surgeries by your tutor. Alternatively you can collect one from Robbie Kneale.
- With your University card in hand (see above), you should register with the **University Library**. You will also need your final letter of acceptance from the Board of Graduate Studies (do not lose this letter-- it is proof of your student status!). This may be done automatically for you.
- Register your bicycle** with the Porter's Lodge. They will give you a unique ID number for your bike and a marker to write it onto the frame. It will help in the event of theft, or when the College is clearing out its racks of unclaimed cycles.

International Students

- Get a **British bank account**. The various banks do different deals on accounts for international students, however many students choose to bank with Lloyds as for several years this has been the only one to give you a free chequing account. When you open a bank account, the bank will expect to see a letter proving that you're with a college. This can be requested from Robbie Kneale, the graduate Administrator, by filling in the form that she'll be handing out at the Tutors' welcome meeting. Expect to get the letter back about a week or so after you've returned the form to her (bear in mind she'll be writing these letters for about 200 new students!).
- Register with the police** (if you have been told that you must do so) at the Parkside Police Station.

We hope that you all settle in quickly and feel welcome here at Queens'. Please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Committee members if you need help with anything or have any questions. Our faces and contact details can be found on the next page.

Looking forward to meeting you all,

QMCR Committee 2011

Committee



President: Sarah Gardner
mcr-president@quns.cam.ac.uk

I liaise with college and university officials, representing the MCR and negotiating issues affecting Queens' graduates. I also chair the college MCR committee, and help out wherever needed.



Secretary: Marion Cubitt
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I pass on information to Queens' grads through the mailing lists, Google calendar and social networking sites. I also take minutes at meetings and write the (fabulous) weekly newsletter.



Treasurer: Gregor Stewart
mcr-treasurer@quns.cam.ac.uk

I'm in charge of the MCR's accounts, and therefore budgeting for parties and events. I'm also part of a group currently reviewing room rents for college accommodation



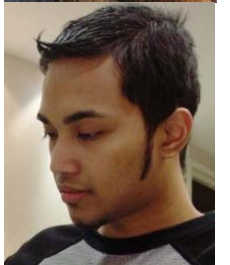
Ents Officers: Robert Jalali and Kristen Klebba
mcr-ents@quns.cam.ac.uk

Ents is, perhaps, the most fun job on the committee. Our role consists of coordinating and organising events - everything from Ceilidhs and cocktail parties to the annual exchange with our sister college in Oxford - in an effort to build community within the college and beyond. We hope, through our efforts, you'll have a memorable time at Queens'!



Alumni officers: Kathryn Hesketh and Mahdi Amin
krh40@cam.ac.uk
ma482@cam.ac.uk

We are responsible for all things Alumni related in Queens' MCR. This includes establishing an alumni network to provide mutually beneficial links between you and former students. We also oversee the Barbel and Boar Society, specifically for Alumni of Queens' MCR. Members will benefit from Alumni Dinners, Annual Drinks Receptions, Termly Newsletters, and Networking Events. We will be in touch soon with more details!



External: Amy Gilligan
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My role on the committee is to be a link between the MCR and CUSU and the Graduate Union, as well as represent the MCR at GU and CUSU councils.



Matt Fright mcr-room-steward@quns.cam.ac.uk

My job is serve drinks before formals and to make sure that the Woodville Room is a tidy and welcoming place. If you have any ideas on how to improve the room then send me an email.



Steward: Artur Arikainen
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My job is to organise formals, Guest Nights and Feasts (fancy dinners), liaise with the Catering department and pass on feedback on food provision in College. I urge all new graduates to attend as many MCR formals as they can!



Welfare: Or Rosenboim
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I am here to help, advise and listen to you whenever a problem comes up. You can contact me about stress issues, emotional problems, sexual health and more, and will be treated with strict confidentiality.



Lina Makrodimitri mcr-exchanges@quns.cam.ac.uk

We arrange formal hall 'exchanges' with other colleges during the year. These are a great chance to meet students at other colleges and explore some of Cambridge's diverse cultures and cuisines.



Owlstone Rep: Anup Patel
mcr-owlstone-rep@quns.cam.ac.uk

I represent students when it comes to accommodation issues at Owlstone. Feel free to come to me for advice when dealing with the college on accommodation matters. I also work with college to try and improve facilities at Owlstone.



Jorge Prombonas mcr-webmaster@quns.cam.ac.uk

I am in charge of the MCR website, maintaining it and developing new features. I also advise the committee on more general computing matters.