



QMCR Freshers' Week Guide 2019

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 Sam Bell (mcr-secretary@queens.cam.ac.uk).

Tuesday 1 October -----

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 3 October -----

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 AA)

Passport, visa and ID document scanning.
Alternatively you can do this on Friday 4 Oct.

17:00 Tea and biscuits in the MCR Woodville Room

18:00 Buttery 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 Freshers' pack).

19:00 Visit to the Anchor Pub , leave from the Porters' 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 porters' lodge and hard to miss - join us there later if that suits you better. We're hoping to have a separate space booked for Queens'.

Friday 4 October -----

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

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. On this day you are expected to attend the following:

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 Buttery 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 5 October -----

11:00 – 13:30 Brunch in *Cripps Hall*

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

14:15 – 15:00 Practical Cambridge tour with the MCR Committee, 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? Members of the MCR committee will be here to give practical answers to all these questions and more.

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 three punts themselves. 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 Piet Lammers and Margherita Protasoni, *QBar*

Quizmaster Lammers regularly hosted some highly regarded quizzes throughout the last two years, 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 6 October -----

11:00 – 12:00 MCR run club, *Owlstone Croft Plodge*

A chilled run through the Grantchester meadows. No better way to explore the surroundings! Meet at 11:00 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. These events are organised by the Graduate tutors.

17:30 Tea Time Talks in the *MCR Woodville Room*

Join Elizabeth Weir for the first of many Tea Time Talks: a wide variety of delicious teas on offer alongside stimulating debate and discussion.

19:00 Film screening in the *Fitzpatrick Hall*

MCR film screening hosted by the MCR welfare officer Elizabeth Weir. You can be assured the film will be great (To be announced). Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Monday 7 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 8 October

17:45 Matriculation service, College Chapel

The Matriculation service is the first chapel service of the academic year and is a great opportunity to see the highly acclaimed Chapel choir in action. The service is popular so you are recommended to arrive at early, ideally by 17:30. The service will finish in plenty of time to join drinks before the matriculation dinner though you would be advised to be dressed for the drinks and dinner for the service. Gowns can be worn.

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 9 October

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

The Freshers' 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. The fair is on both on this day (9th) and on Tuesday (8th) so if you want to go at a different time you're more than welcome.

20:00 Inter-college Bar Crawl

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

Thursday 10 October

18:00 – 19:00 Queens' Grad Choir, Chapel

Find out more about the Queens' MCR Graduate Choir in this informal concert and open rehearsal to get involved! All abilities welcome.

19:00 First MCR formal, in 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 11 October

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

MCR parties are a great opportunity to mix with friends old and new. Come along to the Woodville room for drinks, music and see where the night leads.

Saturday 12 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.

Sunday 13 October

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

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

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.

18:00 Choral Evensong & Reception with the Chaplain, the Queens' Chapel, Gowns Optional.

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 14 October

14:00 – 15:30 PhD pub trip to The Panton Arms

Pub trip for new and continuing PhD students. Come hang out with your fellow PhDs at the Panton Street local pub, The Panton Arms.

Tuesday 15 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. This tour is taken by Doug Dennis, a Queens’ alumnus and historian.

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)

Wednesday 16 October

18:30 Tea Time Talks in the *MCR Woodville Room*

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Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 October

18:30 Drinks Reception, President’s Lodge

The President of Queens’, Lord Eatwell, traditionally hosts all starting MCR members for a drinks reception in the President’s lodge early in Michaelmas term. You will be emailed an invitation directly from the president’s secretary more information.

Queens’ College Library Induction, *in the Queens’ College Library*

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

From Mon 7 Oct to Thu 10 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 7 Oct 19:00
Tue 8 Oct 15:00
Wed 9 Oct 15:00