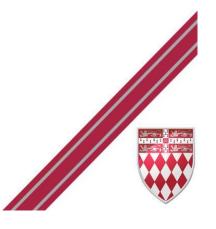


Freshers' Week Timetable 2017

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WELCOME!

ome to Fitz This is your official timetable for Freshers' Week (30th September – 8th October) and includes JCR social events in addition to those put on by College. In general, you can take your pick of what to do, but events that College say you absolutely must attend are *starred and underlined*. Updates will be put on http://fitzjcr.com as well as the JCR Facebook group, Fitz Group, not to mention the 'Fitz Ents' and 'Official Fitzwilliam Freshers 2017' Facebook pages, so definitely keep your eyes peeled for those.

We recommend that Saturday is the best day for you to arrive if you want time to settle in before starting off on this masterpiece of a timetable, but definitely do try to get in before we stop selling gowns (4pm on Sunday) or your gownless self could stand out at the Matriculation Dinner on Monday. If for some reason you can't get here in time, please email any member of the JCR and we will try our best to sort you out.

Your Ents team and Freshers' Committee (fabulously pictured below) will be strongly present at the Fitz Societies Fair as well as other events during the week selling tickets for the freshers' events (details will be sent out soon!). These will include a t-shirt necessary for the legendary pub crawl and a ticket for what will undoubtedly be the highlight of your week (if not your life) and entry to club afterwards! They'll also be selling additional wristbands giving you cheap entry into Cambridge's clubnights on Wednesday and Sunday (there's no paying with cash on the door during Freshers' Week).









Peter





Misbah



Lara



Hannah



Emma



Edgar



Colette



Anna



Amber



Andrew

Freshers' Committee

Here for anything fresher related!



Alisha





Georgia

Ents Team

Stay tuned for other events during the year.

So with all that being said, the most important thing is to have a great time and hopefully this guide will help you do just that.

There's plenty to do whether you drink or not, so get involved! You only get one Freshers' Week, so don't worry abo remembering names and don't worry about lectures – you've got plenty of time for that. Just go ahead and enjoy yourself!

Love,





Saturday 30th September

Meet and Greet – North and South Porters' Lodges

One of the Freshers' or JCR committee members (look out for the flashy sweatshirts and T-shirts) will take you to pick up your room key and university card as well as sign your room contract (keep all of those safe!). They'll then show you to your room and help you with your belongings should you need it. We're a friendly bunch, so if you need any help at all - just ask!

N.B. To make your arrival as swift as possible please get your parents to drop you off at Porter's Lodge on Storey's Way (South Plodge) where we will be ready and waiting with trolleys for all of your belongings! Once you have unloaded all of your belongings your parents will then pop down the road and park using the Madingley Road Park and Ride (it's dead simple we promise) and be back at Fitz within minutes to help you unpack. Alternatively, you should be provided with a map showing parking available on the local residential streets. Please do ask any of us for help if you need it!

3pm – 4pm Tea with your corridor reps – Your Corridor

Corridor reps are 2nd or 3rd years who have volunteered to help you settle in on the first day. They're there to answer any questions you might have as well as help to get you set up on the university Wi-Fi, Hermes webmail and Raven (your Cambridge login). It's really important to do this as key emails, such as your bill, will be sent in the first week of you being here. Remember your corridor reps as they can be a good way to get to know people in the year above as well as providing friendly faces around college.

4pm – 5pm Meet your Staircase – A Stair = Stretton Room, B Stair = Societies Room, C Stair = JCR E Stair = TV Room, F Stair = Bar, M Stair = Upper Hall 1

Your corridor reps will take you to the above places to give you a chance to socialise with your staircase. Be warned, there'll be the ice-breakers you thought you left behind in school, so you might as well just embrace them.

5pm – 5:20pm *Meet your JCR – Reddaway Room*

In what will almost certainly be another highlight of your week, you'll have the chance to meet us and get any remaining questions you have answered.

6pm – 7pm Dinner – Buttery

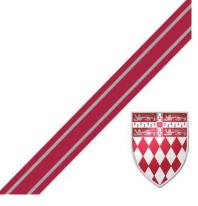
Reward your hard work unpacking with some dinner, which will be held at this time throughout full term.

8pm – 9:15pm 'Speed Friend-ing' – Buttery

You've met your corridor. You've met your staircase. Now it's time to meet your year. Overseen by two glamorous speakers to make sure that there are no awkward moments (but this cannot be guaranteed...), get ready to meet a lot of people. Fast.

9:30pm - 11pm Bop - Bar

Bops usually happen after Superhalls (fancy dress formals held twice a term) and are parties held for the whole college in the bar. For your first night in college you'll get to experience first hand what has been know to be 'highlight of the term (if not life...)' so get ready for an evening of old school tunes you'll not want to miss! Bops are all about having a laugh, so embarrassing photos, cheesy music, and a sweaty bar are absolutely guaranteed.





Sunday 1st October

Meet the Family Brunch

You've spent the first day manically unpacking and meeting hundreds of new people, treat yourself this morning with a bit of a lie in and brunch with your lovely new college family. Brunch takes place every Saturday and Sunday in the Buttery and is a vital part of Fitz's food calendar so it's definitely not one to miss!

Each year every fresher is assigned 'college parents' who are second or third year students already at Fitz and 'college sibling(s)' who will be other student(s) within your year. Your parents are there to help answer any niggling questions you may have prior to arrival and in general provide a great point of contact for all those small questions you think are too silly to ask anyone else. One of your parents should also study the same subject as you (or know someone close to them who does) so do pester them for essay help/notes/top tips – they've been there before and will want you to avoid any mistakes they made! Your parents will be in contact with you prior to your arrival and will let you know nearer the time what time they are heading to brunch to meet you.

2pm – 4pm Gown Sale – Upper Hall 1

One of the most Harry Potter-esque things about studying at Cambridge is that you will own a gown (unless you go to Churchill). You'll need one for tomorrow's Matriculation Dinner as well as for all formals, so don't forget to come along and buy one. New gowns will be £40 and second hand £25. The number of second hand gowns is limited so if you are looking to get one please arrive early. Gowns can be paid for by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Fitzwilliam College Junior Members Association' and should have your full name on the reverse side.

2pm – 4pm Fitz Societies Fair – Upper Hall 2

All societies and sports teams will try and get you to sign up to their club at this event. Come and find out what's for you and meet new people along the way. Check out https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/sports-clubs and <a href="https:/

N.B. You'll need your CRSid to sign up to any societies. That's the letters and digits before the '@' in your Cambridge email address, e.g. if your email is jw462@cam.ac.uk, your CRSid is jw462.

4pm – 5:30pm LGBTea and Cake – Stretton Room (Fellows Court)

Come along and meet your LGBT+ rep, as well as other members of the Fitz LGBT+ community in a super informal and chatty setting. Also cake.

4pm – 6pm Murray Edwards Garden Party

The Freshers' Team at Murray Edwards (the women's college next door) is hosting a garden party for freshers at all the Hill Colleges. Come and say hello! Meet some of our friendly Hill neighbours.

6:30pm 'Come and Sing' Welcome Service

Come along to the Chapel for the first of the term's Sunday Services. We have the most amazing Chaplain whether you are religious or not she is a figure to know around college – always happy to grab a cup of tea and a chat in the café of her office! She wanted us to share the following information:

The Chapel is a wonderful building, but the people make it what it is! We are welcoming to all faiths. We have regular Sunday worship at 9:30am and 6:30pm in term-time, and midweek, which is Christian in tradition, but we hope to meet together at different times to support those exploring faith matters, or anyone who has no faith at all! The Chapel has a choir for those who like to sing, and we welcome all musicians. We run a crochet club as a weekly social event weekly to get to know others, while sitting on a couch! Come and learn a new skill, as well as creating blankets for refugees, and having a chat. We are open to starting discussion groups and events or trips, so let us know what interests you and what you would like to see provided by Chaplaincy in the college.

7:30pm - Late

Bar Crawl and Club - Meet in Bar

A favourite for Freshers and non-Freshers alike whether you drink or not, this will be your first taste of Cambridge nightlife - and boy is it unique! Make sure you've grabbed a Freshers' Pack from committee members; t-shirts are needed for entry not just memorabilia. This year we'll be touting a few pubs and bars on the way down into town, and ending the crawl in Cindies for your first round of the Circle of Life!

8pm

Board Games night – JCR

If bar crawls, graffitied t-shirts and parties aren't your thing then join some of the JCR for an exciting evening of board games in the JCR. It will be very relaxed and casual. We have a selection of board games in the JCR but you're welcome to bring your own. (We also have table football and pool which are free to use any time in the JCR.)

Monday 2nd October

9am - 5:30pm

DoS/ Tutor Introductions - Various Locations

Your Director of Studies and Tutor will be in touch about confirming a time and location.

10:30am – 12.15pm

Welfare and Safety Talks, followed by compulsory identity checks – Auditorium

An official welcome by the College along with heaps of important information to go with it.

Organised by subject

Study Skills Workshops and Library Induction

The workshops are a chance for you to work in groups and receive general study advice from a fellow. There should also be an opportunity for you to ask him/her any questions you may have. The library induction is run by the College Librarian Christine Lewis who is probably the nicest librarian in Cambridge! She'll introduce you to all the learning resources the College has to offer.

4pm - 5pm

Cycling Safety seminar in Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre

A quick whistle-stop tour of how to stay safe on your bike in Cambridge led by a cycling safety professional. Sign up for this session via the online link.

6:20pm – 6:50pm

Fitzwilliam: A Brief History – Auditorium

You study at the best Cambridge College, so it's only right you know its history. Prepare to get your Billy-pride flowing.

N.B. Remember to leave enough time to get ready and put your gown on for the first time as you'll be heading off to your Matriculation Dinner shortly afterwards! You'll obviously need to save some time to stop on the way and take photos of each other in your full glory.

6:50pm -

Pre Dinner Drinks with your Tutor – Upper Hall 1

7:30pm

A great way to get to know your Tutor, your academic peers and their choice of drink – a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available, including our own College-made non-alcoholic cocktails.

7:30pm – 9:30pm

Matriculation Dinner - Hall

*Formal wear and gowns

Matriculate is Cambridge jargon for "signing a document promising to be good and thereby join the University officially". You'll do this tomorrow morning. To celebrate, there are several exceptionally good dinners you get throughout your time at Fitz: this is your first and it is a really special event.

9:30pm – 10.30pm

Fitz Sessions and Jazz Night, ft. The Sirens and Fitz Barbershop – Bar

The College is home to two talented A Capella groups – The Fitz Sirens and Fitz Barbershop. Both regularly perform at events all over the University and beyond, and sing everything from jazz to pop. As well as this other home-grown acts from college will be performing! (For any singers or musicians

amongst you: if you want to perform please shoot Ents Team a message.)

Make sure to get a good night's sleep. Your matriculation photo will be taken in the morning and it probably be framed on your mantelpiece for years to come.



Tuesday 3rd October

Matriculation – Auditorium

*Formal wear and gowns

The moment you officially become a member of the University – it's kind of a big deal. Matriculation is very straightforward and contrary to popular belief you will not need to recite Latin or kneel at any time. That's saved for Graduation. You'll sign the matriculation sheet, agree to abide by the rules of the College and get to meet and greet the JCR President and the Senior Tutor.

You'll need to congregate in the Auditorium at the following times according to your surname:

M - Z 10.45am

A-L 11.00am

Please be on time.

11:45am *Matriculation Photograph – Grove Lawn*

*Formal wear and gowns

You will have an individual and a group photo taken – always a must for your parents, aunties, grandparents and the like. The group photo will be of the year group, the JCR President, your Tutors and Senior Members of the College including the Master. By the way, it's not true that you have to wear black and white for the two photos, but a lot of people do.

Afternoon Punting at Scudamore's

As members of Fitz, we have arranged a special rate with Scudamore's of Cambridge, one of the leading punt providers on the Cam. Go punting for an hour with your new friends this afternoon. You get a killer view of the Backs and a prime opportunity for photos. The offer works out just under £3 per person, so it's well worth doing. (There are a maximum of 6 people per punt, including the person doing the punting.)

1:30pm Cambridge Societies' Fair, ft. Faculties – Meet at the North Plodge

The annual University-wide Societies' Fair is the best opportunity to get out of your College shell and your first to properly explore Cambridge. There'll be over 400 societies giving out information as well as lots of free stuff in a bid to get you to join. It might be a good idea to check out the Cambridge Societies Directory to form an idea of what you want to sign up to. Most importantly, there'll be a Dominos stall giving out free pizza and coupons to last the whole term!

The fair is held over both Tuesday and Wednesday. This will be your chance to head there in a group via your Faculty (handy for when lectures start on Thursday), led by members of the JCR or freshers' committee.

4pm – 5pm *Cycling Safety seminar in Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre*

A quick whistle-stop tour of how to stay safe on your bike in Cambridge led by a cycling safety professional. Sign up for this session via the online link.

8pm – 9pm Cake and Crochet party – K11A

The alternative night out! Welcome to the Crochet and Knitting Club! All welcome, beginners and returners! Wool etc provided or BYO. Run by our fantastic Rev Helen Arnold.

9pm – 1:30am Fitz Up Look Sharp – Auditorium

Taking place twice a year, this legendary event promises to showcase some of the best musical talent Cambridge has to offer. The theme this time is **TO BE ANNOUNCED**, so get excited and prepare to go wild. The headliners are Truly Medley Deeply – a huge one and guarantees to sell out – and some home-grown Fitz DJ talent. The freshers from the other Hill Colleges (Medwards and Churchill) amongst others will be there, will you?





Wednesday 4th October

CUSU Freshers' Fair – Parker's Piece & Kelsey Kerridge

If you didn't get a chance to get to the fair on Tuesday, it's on again all day today.

All day

Boat Club Novice Open Day & BBQ - Fitz Boathouse

So you've signed up for rowing at the Fitz Societies Fair but you have no idea what it's about? No worries. Here you'll be able to socialise with the boaties over a BBQ then burn off those calories by getting in a boat with some seniors and giving it a try yourself. There'll be a walking/cycling party heading to the boathouse at 10:45am, but feel free to drop in at any time during the day.

11am - 2pm

Registration with Huntingdon Road Surgery - Walker Room 11

It's really important that you register with your nearest Surgery (literally a 5 minute walk towards town) in the case that you do need a GP. You'll be able to do this in College. If not, you'll have to go there in your own time.

All day

Punting at Scudamore's

Another chance to go punting along the Backs if you've got an hour free.

4pm - 5pm

Cycling Safety seminar in Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre

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7:45pm (for an 8pm start) – 9:30pm

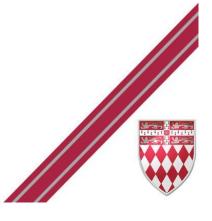
Pub Quiz - Bar/Buttery

We expect you already know how quizzes work. You might even think you're quite good at them. But you have never done a Cambridge pub quiz. A quiz where the competitive streak that everyone tries to hide in the name of 'making friends' is revealed when you desperately try to remember the name of every member of S Club 7. To make things even more interesting, there'll be a £1 entry and the winning team takes all. The stakes are high, but at the end of the day it's only a quiz... right?

10pm

Club Night at Cindies - Meet in Bar

Cindies (officially called Ballare) is probably Cambridge's most popular club and is definitely its cheesiest, playing a combination of recent chart hits, 90s pop and even the occasional Disney number (Lion King anyone?). Students tend to flock here on a regular basis and tonight will be one of the busiest nights of term – fear not we've got wristbands available so nobody is left behind!





Thursday 5th October

Lectures begin!

Oddly, Cambridge weeks begin on Thursdays. That means today is the first day of lectures and the official start of your Cambridge academic life – start off on the right foot and get to them on time!

Evening

Cambridge Picture House – meet in North Plodge (Huntington Road)

An opportunity for free popcorn and a free cinema trip courtesy of the Cambridge Picture House in the centre of town. Go and put your feet up and watch a film with your friends after your first day of lectures.

To qualify for this you will need to sign up for a free student membership at the Cambridge Picture House. You can do this at one of their counters inside and will only take a few minutes (if you're in town for the Freshers' Fair you can pop in on the way back!).

Friday 6th October

All day Lectures continue

5:00pm – Meet your Welfare Team (plus free food) – JCR

5:45pm Whether you have any worries or questions after your first week in Cam, fancy a chat, or would just like to nab some free food, come down to the JCR at 5 to meet your Welfare Execs in an informal and

friendly atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you there!

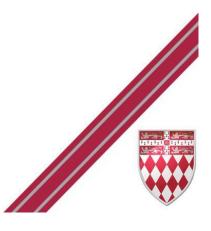
8:30pm Film and pizza night

Having almost survived a whole week in Cambridge and your first set of lectures, there's an option for some well earned chill time and pizza! Get yourself down to the Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre to bag a prime spot and a supply of snacks. Film choices will be released for votes a few days beforehand! This is being run in conjunction with the MCR freshers' committee. A great chance to

meet some (older!) like-minded people.

10:30pm Night at Life

If you're looking for another night out, head down to Life – also known as Kuda!





Saturday 7th October

Lectures continue

For scientists the lectures continue. For arts students, a lie in will probably be in order.

11:30am

Brunch - Buttery

1:30pm Brunch takes place every Saturday in Hall, but it plays such an important role in Fitz's food calendar that we had to include it in the timetable (again) to make sure you don't miss out!

Afternoon (multiple sessions)

Welfare and Consent Workshops

There will be several mandatory half hour workshops over this weekend and the next to discuss relationships and sexual consent. Please be aware that these sessions will cover sensitive topics – if you have any concerns it is important that you contact the Women's Campaign or LGBT+ Officers (you can find their contact details on the JCR website) prior to the workshop. Attendance groups will be assigned at random and you'll be contacted by the Women's and LGBT+ Officers by email (using your CRSid account) with plenty of notice.

6pm Staircase Dinners

One week since the infamous speedfriending, corridor and staircase interaction, it's time to strengthen those bonds and get off to dinner. Organised by your corridor reps, head off into town and really get to know those living around you for the next year! Remember to sign up on Saturday 30th!

10pm - 12am

Bop, ft. MCR - Reddaway Room

You may have matriculated on Tuesday but today is that emotional moment for the Graduates of the College and in celebration you have been invited to their bop. This is a rare opportunity to mingle with the fancy MCR (Middle Combination Room – the body that represents the Grads) who you'll inevitably see around. There's good and bad news. The bad - unfortunately there's no fancy dress. However there will be karaoke, drinks and chart-toppers from all around the world amidst other delights.

Sunday 8th October

All day Billy Day – Oxford Road Playing Fields

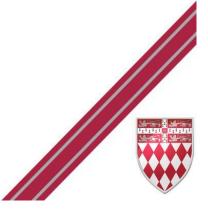
Lovingly organised by your President and Vice-Presidents of Sports & Societies, a relaxed sports day for all of Fitz. Don't worry if sport isn't your thing, come and celebrate the end of what will have been an amazing week with a BBQ and the all important bouncy castle.

9:00am Church Search Breakfast - Café

Breakfast hosted by the college Christian Union in the café. A great chance to chat with Christians and get to know about the different churches in Cambridge

10pm Sunday Life

If the bop wetted your appetite for some more tunes, or if you just want to get away from it then check out one of Cambridge's most popular nights – Sunday Life!





Beyond Freshers' Week

The Ents don't stop because your work has started. Here's a little taste of what's coming up:

Wednesday 11th/Thursday 12th October –

Family Superhall (with Bop on Thursday)

Your first Superhall and a chance to get to know your College parents as well as your new brother or sister over a meal in formal hall. The best bit? The meal's on them (they'll also let you know what day they've booked you onto). As we don't yet think you've had enough fancy dress, the theme is FAMOUS FAMILIES *shock/surprise*. You can stretch that as far as you like. In previous years there's been everything from Monopoly Properties to Teletubbies. No matter what day you're eating, join us at the bop after Thursday's Superhall.

Around Halloween – 7:30pm

5:30pm

Halloween Superhall and Bop

The last Superhall of term, look out for more information soon.

Saturday 11th
November –
3:30pm –

Fitzwilliam Careers Fair – Buttery

Every year the Development Office hosts a Careers Fair in Hall for current students. Alumni from lots of different fields come back to college for the day and you get a chance to network, ask any questions and get answers. Alumni will include fields of medicine, engineering, politics, finance, research and teaching – though there will be lots more besides. There will also be free refreshments.

Various Fitz Sessions

A fantastic night of live music and performances in the bar. A few times a year, everyone gathers to watch Fitz's musical and comedic talent (with a few acts brought in from around Cambridge). Barbershop, acoustic, Indie-pop bands, poetry and comedy etc. are all welcome to perform on a night

not to miss.

End of term Fitzmas

Fitz puts its own spin on Christmas. Expect Christmas Dinner and karaoke.

Beginning of Lent term

Re-Freshers' Week

Relive those golden moments once again.

Club Nights

Whether it's Tuesday Cindies, Thursday Lolas or any other queue jump tickets you're after, message 'Fitz Ents' on Facebook and we'll hook you up.

Payments!

As mentioned at the start, members of the Freshers' Committee will be around all week for any of questions and for buying tickets outside the buttery.

Although most of these events are free to attend, some events (such as punting and club nights) will require tickets to attend. Where possible, we have purchased at a discounted price in order to pass on to you the best deal, but any profit that we do make goes back into the Ents and JCR budget to spend on even better events and things around college!

This year we're working on enabling you to pre-buy tickets a couple of weeks before term starts or when you arrive at Fitz by bank transfer rather than cash using the app <u>Circle</u>. There's a lot more information on this to follow but it should be a much easier way to pay for tickets! (If you'd still prefer to pay in cash once you arrive, that's absolutely fine. There'll be a stall outside the buttery where we'll be selling all the same tickets then.)

