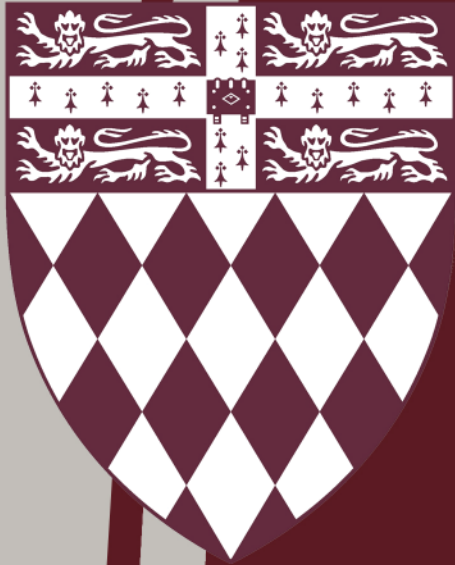


FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE



ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS



WELCOME

1.

Choosing a college can be quite a daunting experience for prospective students. With 31 colleges, it can be slightly mind-boggling - trust us, we've been there! Your college is the place you will be spending at least the next 3 years of your life, after all.

SO WHY FITZ?

Fitz is down-to-earth and welcoming, with a friendly atmosphere. It was originally set up to widen access to Cambridge and still maintains a diverse student body. Fitz has a huge support network that makes for a close-knit and fun community. This stretches from friendships that span academic years, to the (frankly hilarious and brilliant) College chaplain, to your college tutor (not all colleges have them!). Basically, there will always be someone to help!

LOCATION

Fitz has an incredible location on the hill. The short cycle ride to the departments really wakes you up in the morning, so you're ready for the day by the time you get to lectures. Our location also means that you'll have more breathing space at Fitz (much needed at Cambridge!), and you won't have tourists trying to take pictures of you through your bedroom window! We are very close to our sports pitches, which are a 3 minute walk away from college; most other colleges are not this lucky.

FACILITIES

Fitz is lucky enough to have one of the newest libraries in Cambridge: the Olisa Library. It was built in 2009 and is one of few Cambridge libraries that's open 24/7, meaning that you can really study whenever is best for you. The beautiful spiral staircase and the beanbags are an added bonus, and the top of our library's tower is the highest point in Cambridge! Fitz also has a beautiful new auditorium that is used for musical showcases, lectures, 'Entz' and theatre. We also have some of the best squash courts in Cambridge, as well as The Grove - a lovely old house in the centre of College. The Grove has a beautiful lawn area where you can sit, study, eat, and relax all year round. Fitz also has an incredible café and bar, with the most delicious paninis, smoothies, coffee, freshly-made cakes (and much more!) in Cambridge. There are also 3 other rooms purely for students' use, and a special study room for medics and vets!



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LIVE?

Fitz guarantees accommodation for your entire undergraduate degree. Not only does this mean cheap rents, cleaners, regular maintenance and no need to worry about renting privately, but it also means most undergraduates (and all Freshers) live on the college site. As a result, the college really is at the centre of undergraduate life. Fitz is also great for flexibility. Accommodation can be extended throughout the holidays, and the facilities remain open for almost all of this time, which is perfect for international students, students on internships in Cambridge, and those with looming dissertation deadlines.

Unlike many other colleges, Fitz groups accommodation by year, which means that it is really easy for Freshers to get to know each other. Centred in Tree Court, Freshers' corridors typically have eight rooms, with shared kitchens and toilets, and the option of ensuite-shower rooms. In second year, students either have the option of living in college-owned houses in roads surrounding college, or of living in Fitz itself. All within 5 minutes of college, houses give a bit more freedom, with bigger cooking facilities and private gardens, whilst still maintaining all the perks: maintained accommodation, low rents and central college facilities. All students come back into college for third year, and are able to make the most of what is often the final year at Fitz, as well as fully en-suite rooms.

EAT?

Forget beans on toast and tomato pasta - if you come to Fitz you may never have to experience the ordeal of student cooking. All food on the college site is paid for on your college card, which is paid off on next term's college bill, so there is never any danger of going hungry. The buttery offers lunch and dinner seven days a week, which typically costs around £3-4, as well as Saturday morning brunch, which is definitely not to be missed! The café offers breakfast, sandwiches, panini and soups, as well as the best cakes in Cambridge, and the lovely Olive behind the counter quickly becomes a Nan to all of Fitz.

Formal hall takes place twice a week. Most students go a couple of times a term and it is a great way to celebrate a special occasion or to show visitors some of the more traditional sides to Cambridge life. A three-course meal (bring your own wine) costs around £10, and menus cater for all sorts of dietary preferences and requirements.

If you do want to venture further afield, restaurants in Cambridge are great, and particular favourites on the hill are the cheap curry banqueting nights at Tandoori Palace, Café Naz, the slightly more sophisticated South Indian 'Cocum' and the Sunday night meal deals at The Castle Inn. Not forgetting, of course, the reliable Domino's just around the corner!

However, if you have moved beyond the culinary level of microwave cooking, then all student corridors have kitchens, where you can easily cook. As well as the Sainsbury's in the centre of town, which is the normal haunt for most Cambridge students, the Co-op, Iceland and Aldi are all just around the corner from Fitz, and offer far cheaper food and alcohol.



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RELAX?

Fitz has a number of great places to relax, including the JCR (Beanbag Room), TV room and the Societies Room. The hub of college, however, is undoubtedly the café! Hardly ever empty, it is the first place anyone looks for a chat and, being just along from the library, it's an irresistible lure during exam term. The café turns into a bar in the evenings and is the site for regular live music nights and college parties, known as bops. If you are tempted out of college, there are a number of pubs at the top of the hill, and the pub quiz at the 'Isaac Newton' is a particular favourite.



DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

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For many of you, this will be the first time that you'll be away from home. Living away from your friends and family can seem pretty daunting at first, but you're not on your own. There's a strong network of support both at Fitz and at university level to help you.

SHAKTI KUMPAVAT

Name: Shakti Kumpavat

Subject: Engineering, 2nd year

From: Manchester



Reason for choosing Fitz: Having spent some time wandering around the different colleges on the open day, I immediately felt comfortable in Fitz – unpretentious, welcoming, and filled to the brim with fantastic people. If I was going to spend 4 years in Cambridge, it had to be here.

8.15 am: Wake up from my dream as a cat to the sound of three separate alarms, strategically placed around the room to force myself out of bed. Grab a shower, eat breakfast and have a quick glance through the news before cycling to the department.

9.00 am: Labs – Pretty exciting stuff today. Working on a project to build a robot! Plenty of circuit diagrams and soldering, but really interesting work and great fun with teammates.

11.00 am: Grab a free cup of coffee from the café, and then head down to lectures. Adopt customary position with the other Fitz engineers in the back row, and listen in to talks on data transfer and linear algebra.

1.00 pm: Lunchtime! Return home, and have a long lunch with my housemates. Joke about our night out the day before, and relax with some music. Eventually get down to some work - reviewing lecture notes and example papers from the week.

4.00 pm: Arrive in Fitz for a surprisingly pleasant supervision. Cover the material pretty quickly, so spend the last few minutes talking about boomboxes and blues music.

5.30 pm: As part of my JMA role as Vice President of Sports at Fitz, help to run a weekly circuits session for students and burn off some fat listening to a quality playlist. Leave exhausted, and decry Nivea for breaking their anti-perspirant promises.

6.30 pm: Sit down in the Fitz buttery for dinner, and spend an hour chatting with friends. Not the biggest fan of the vegetarian chilli, but I guess it'll do instead of pig; it'll do.

7.30 pm: Football! Grab a drink from the bar, and head in to the common room to watch a bit of Champions League – big game tonight for my home team, Man United!

10.00 pm: Stick my headphones on and crack on with some more work in the library.

12.00 am: Return home to find all my housemates in the living room. We stay up for a few hours chilling on the sofa, singing songs, and playing some late night Mario Kart. Get carried away with all the fun, and realise it's gotten to 2.30am! The long day has taken its toll, and I have labs in the morning, so I go upstairs and hit the hay.

JESS WOLINSKI

Name: Jess Wolinski

Subject: English, 3rd year

From: Bromsgrove

Reasons for choosing Fitz: I really didn't want to be at one of the busy town colleges with tourists taking your picture through the window all the time. Fitz is so laid-back and everyone is so friendly and inside it's actually really pretty!

8:00am: Wake up and fall asleep again. Wake up again 30 minutes later and now have to rush getting dressed, eating breakfast and cycling to the faculty.

9:00am: Two lectures back to back at the faculty on Shakespeare. The first is about his sonnets and their symbolism, which is difficult to follow at this time in the morning, but is followed by a really interesting lecture about Shakespeare in film and the changing presentations of his work through time.

11:00am: Time for a quick cup of coffee at the Sidgwick cafe before heading to the library for a couple of hours of work before lunch. The English faculty is fantastic for people watching so it can get a bit distracting! But the librarians are really nice, and it's a lot less scary than the UL!

1:00pm: Lunchtime. Head to the Law faculty cafe or the ARC cafe for lunch with a friend, followed by a quick cycle into town to pick up groceries on the way back to college.

2:00pm: Back at Fitz for a supervision with my DoS on Prat Crit.

3:30pm: Supervision over-ran – we were just too enthralled with the Bob Dylan lyrics that had cropped up on this week's unseen question. Took my washing to the laundry room, picking up tokens and a piece of cake from the cafe on the way. Fitz has THE BEST cakes.

4pm: Back to my room with some music blaring and a bowl of snacks with me because I need to make some props for a play. We're doing a late show at the ADC theatre in two weeks time and I've got puppets to make! The sewing machine is out and my room is strewn with bits of fabric.

6:30pm: Time for dinner. All my friends and I congregate in my room after cooking, or bringing our food back from the buttery. They laugh at me for being covered in paint and struggle to find somewhere to sit in between all of the puppets! Some of us hang around chatting for a bit, but I've got to get off quickly to the theatre.

7:30pm: I'm working on a different play this week as an assistant producer and I'm operating the lights for our performance. I don't really know what I'm doing, but the sound technician is in the booth next door to help me if I get into trouble! The play has been written by a friend for a Footlights competition so it's really good fun to watch.

10pm: The show is over, and after a couple of drinks at the ADC bar, it's time to head back up the hill. Already slightly inebriated, it doesn't take much for my friends to convince me to head along to the college bop. I tell myself I WILL NOT go to Cindies. I've got a 9am lecture again tomorrow and an essay to finish before 6pm tomorrow! So it's off to bed... LEFT MY WASHING IN THE DRYER... dash to the laundry room to pick it up before heading off to bed.



WHAT IS THE CAMBRIDGE 'WORK' SYSTEM LIKE? 9.

At Cambridge, lectures form the basis of the work you do - they are the starting point for what you learn, and typically serve as an introduction to the topic you'll study. If you do a science subject, you will also spend a lot of your time in lab-based practicals. As an arts student, a large portion of your week will be spent on independent reading.

But what makes Cambridge special is the supervision system. You'll typically have 1-3 per week, and they are your chance to learn one-on-one (or in very small groups) with a leading scholar in the field. These are invaluable and Fitz are great at selecting supervisors for students; as we're a medium-to-large-sized college this means we have more professors on hand for teaching than other colleges. However, if there's a scholar at a different college who's a specialist in the module you're studying, it'll be arranged so you have supervisions there. Essentially, no matter what you study, Fitz is on hand to make sure you're able to achieve your best!

WHERE CAN I WORK?

There is no shortage of places to work and study in Cambridge! Your first port of call for getting out books will be your departmental library, which should have pretty much any book on your reading list, but may only have one copy... They close pretty early (around 5pm), and so for many students, the majority of the work happens in college libraries.

Fitz library is the most recently built library in Cambridge, and has a very large budget (you can pretty much request any book to be bought for you). It has a great book collection and is also modern and spacious. Plus, it's open 24/7, so if you operate nocturnally then this is the option for you! Everyone who comes on a tour to Fitz remarks how great the library is, and it's impossible not to fall in love with our librarians, who give out squash and biscuits in exam term!

If you're brave enough, you might also venture into the University Library (UL)! Scary as it may seem, it holds every book ever published in the English language, and is great for getting out books if you can't find them elsewhere. That being said, you're definitely not restricted to libraries. Many students at Fitz chose to work in their bedrooms (every student room has a large desk), or in the Fitz café, where you can sip at a cup of tea whilst working through your essay plan. So, if a more casual environment suits you, you're definitely not short of options.



Fitz has always been a great college for sport. Fantastic facilities, widespread participation and plenty of success mean that we have a reputation for being strong in the sporting arena. Sport at Fitz is the perfect way to meet people, have fun and get away from the books for a while.

"The reason I applied to Fitz was because when I was researching colleges I saw a quote that said they were the Manchester United of Cambridge Colleges. Now I'm here, I've found that we're much, much more" Georgios Pilakoutas, Men's Football Captain, 2013/14

At Fitz we like to make a habit of filling trophy cabinets with silverware. The Men's football team won an historic league and cup double last year, with the Women's team also winning the league title. The Women's first boat won "blades" in Lent Bumps and elsewhere there were promotions and finals for other teams across a number of sports.

"Though there might be the occasional lack of quality, it is made up for by college pride and team spirit. We're very open to new players; anyone is welcome regardless of ability or experience. It's a bit like the Australian test team." Sam Strong, Cricket Captain, 2011/12

Perhaps the best thing about sport in the College is that everyone is welcome to get involved. It doesn't matter if you're a five-time Olympic gold medalist, or you still can't get your head around the offside rule, there's a team for you at Fitz. Teams are always friendly, encouraging as much participation as possible, so get yourself on a mailing list and come and join in!

"Fitz has some of the best facilities in Cambridge; I don't think I've ever played on a nicer pitch than Oxford Road."

Sam Hobbs, President of Amalgamated Clubs, 2013

"Rowing for Fitz is the ultimate boost for Billy pride! Although a challenging sport there's nothing better than being able to represent your college on race day. With boat club dinners and the great friends you make across the years, rowing at Fitz allows you to take part in a unique and supportive community"

Amber Morley, Boat Club Captain 2012/13

"Netball at Fitz incorporates a great team spirit and desire to do well, with a relaxed nature that allows all the players to have a good laugh. The college side welcomes anyone and everyone and is a fun way to meet new people; as well as getting you out in the open at least once a week, it provides a great excuse for regular team socials!"

Laura Jolley, Women's Netball Captain 2013/14

As well as an open-door policy on joining teams, Fitz boasts some of the best facilities in Cambridge. Oxford Road, where the Rugby, Football and Cricket pitches, and the Tennis Courts, are situated, is one of the best grounds in Cambridge, and can be found barely 5 minutes from the College. There are also three squash courts and a gym within the college, all of which are free to use.

Basically, who-ever you are, wherever you come from and whatever your skill level, we want you to play sport for Fitz. No-one should be put off for any reason, so work out what you want to do and get stuck in!

There is always something going on at Fitz, with plenty of opportunities to put down the work. Many of these involve cake. In fact, there are so many clubs and societies in Fitz that we even have our own Fresher's Fair during your first week.

At the fair you can sign up to any of the many groups, which range from the musical Fitz Sirens, Barbershop, Fitz Swing and Chapel Choir, through a multitude of brilliant sports teams, to groups like Lit Soc, Fitz Theatre and Amnesty. Lots of subjects also have their own society – Fitz's MedSoc and NatSci Society even have their own annual garden parties in May Week. If you can't find what you're looking for (although it's unlikely), set a society up yourself and get some friends involved.

Fitz is generally great for music; alongside the societies, you can use our music rooms for both practise and for college-subsidised music lessons, and there are lots of concerts to perform in or attend. Student operas have been put on in the auditorium, which is also used for theatre.

SOCIAL

Fitz is one of the most social colleges in Cambridge, and is well-known for being down-to-earth and good fun. At Fitz we have taken formal halls a step further, with fancy dress SUPERHALLS.

Examples include: Family Superhall, with your college parent(s) and sibling(s); Halloween Superhall (cue lots of zombie onesies and witch hats); and Valentine Superhall, which is first-years' opportunity to formally wed their college spouse.

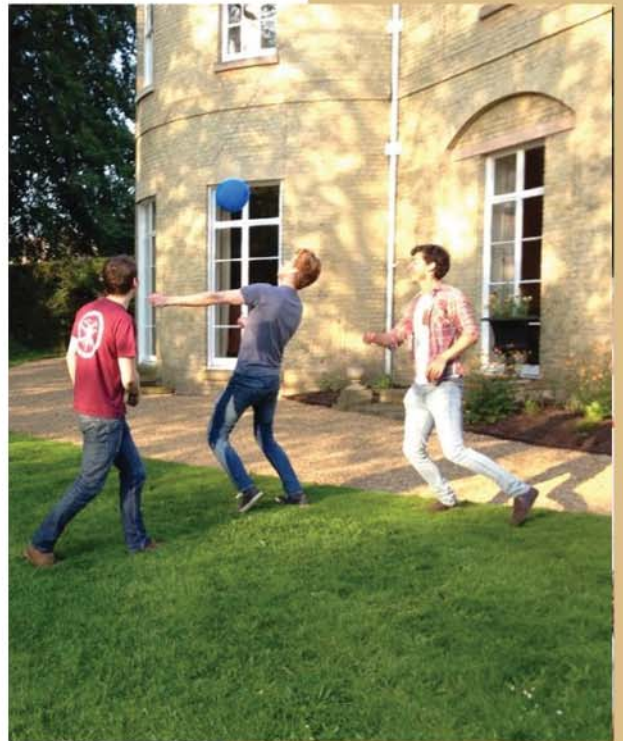
Superhall tends to be accompanied by a 'bop', where all the furniture is moved out of the college bar and replaced by some big speakers and a lot of dancing students. We also have a termly 'Ent', 'Fitz Up Look Sharp' – this is a bigger party with guest DJs, live music and lots of UV paint!

Fitz Sessions is a more chilled event, where student bands perform music in the college bar. For music fans, there are also regular concerts in the chapel, and musicians and guest speakers often perform in our fantastic auditorium.

Fitz also has a ball every two years which, unlike most colleges' balls, takes place in winter. Usually taking place on the last day of Michaelmas term, the ball is one of the highlights of the Fitz social calendar. Our last ball had a Narnia theme and showcased live music and comedy, a Ferris wheel, three chocolate fountains (one milk, one dark and one white), an old fashioned tea room, swing boats, a casino, two cocktail bars, three different stages and a silent disco, which kept over 1000 guests occupied from 9pm until 4am.

On a day-to-day basis, most of us socialise in the café, which has to be one of the best in Cambridge. It is a relaxed place to chill out or work during the day, with lots of fresh cakes, panini, snacks and hot drinks. Lots of time is also spent eating in the buttery, hanging out in the bar, at subject-based events and chilling-out in front of the TV or in the Beanbag Room (technically called the 'Junior Combination Room').

At Fitz, the Cambridge mantra of 'Work Hard Play Hard' is as true and alive as anywhere else in the university, but you can also have a much more relaxed social life, with many people preferring to hear some music in the bar, or hang out in each other's rooms. Fitz is so friendly and inclusive that nobody minds how you choose to socialise, whether it involves dancing all night in Cindies or a quiet movie night in with friends.



WELFARE

13.

For many of you, this will be the first time that you'll be away from home. Living away from your friends and family can seem pretty daunting at first, but you're not on your own. There's a strong network of support both at Fitz and at university level to help you.

COLLEGE SUPPORT

The porters are available 24/7 for anything from your post to your bike. They're great with emergencies and always happy to chat.

Your DoS (Director of Studies) will help you with any academic issues you have. You'll meet with them at least twice a term, but help is only an email or phone call away.

Your tutor will be an academic in a different subject to your own. They're a port of call for any welfare issues you might have and you'll meet with them at least twice a term for a chat on how life (both academic and extra-curricular) at Fitz is going for you.

Fitz also has a college nurse and a counsellor. Never hesitate to seek help - your worries will never be seen as trivial or insignificant.

COLLEGE FAMILIES

All freshers are assigned college parents. Your parents will be two students, usually in the second year, one of whom will be studying the same subject as you. They're here to help you settle in during the first few weeks. You'll meet them during freshers' week, have a meal and/or go to college family superhall together. If you have anything to ask about college life or your course, then your college parents are here to help!

JCR SUPPORT

The Junior Common Room is the group of undergrads elected each year to represent you in Fitz. If you have any concerns, just talk to the relevant officer.

The Welfare Officers will be your first contact point if you don't know where to go for your particular issue. They're always around to listen, talk and point you to the right people and organisations to help you. On top of this, they also provide free contraception, as well as running social events, such as film nights, throughout the year.

The Women's Officer will provide self-identifying women with sexual health services, as well as representing and campaigning for Fitz women on the JCR and CUSU.

The LGBT+ Officers are here for confidential advice and informal chats, as well as organising LGBT+ social events throughout the year. We have a strong and vibrant LGBT+ community at Fitz. Many will choose to come out during their time at uni, and Fitz has a friendly, accepting and 'no-pressure' stance when it comes to being LGBT in Cambridge. CUSU also runs its own LGBT+ events. Google "CUSU LGBT+" to see just how much is going on.

The Disabilities Officer is there to point you in the direction of additional help and support available for all students who identify as having a disability, and will ensure that your needs are met by college. For more info on the facilities the college and university have, check out the disabilities section on the Fitz website:

<http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/welfare/disability>

The International Officer is here to represent the students from all over the world that call Fitz their home. Living abroad can seem daunting at first, but you'll quickly realise how welcoming everyone is and you'll fit right in. In those rare circumstances when things go wrong, or if you want someone to talk to, your international officer is there to help
Cambridge University Students' Union (CUSU) also offers a wide range of welfare and support services.

Don't be put off applying to university because you're worried about how much it will cost. In fact, it's probably worth your while applying to Cambridge, because the level of additional financial support you can receive from the university (as well as the government) is much higher than at many other top UK universities.

Fitz is also keen to help its students and offers further financial support. If you receive a Cambridge Bursary, you will receive up to an additional £750 from the college. On top of this, there are a number of academic and non-academic scholarships, and hardship grants which aren't means-tested. Every student can apply for travel grants and money towards music lessons – this doesn't have to be related to your studies!

For more information, see <http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/finance/undergraduate/financial-assistance> and <http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/finance/undergraduate/extra-funding>

In addition to the Isaac Newton Cambridge Bursary and the Fitzwilliam Maintenance Bursary, Fitz students get money from:

- **Fitzwilliam Student Opportunities Fund**
- **Fitzwilliam Travel Grant and the Fitzwilliam Charitable Project Award**
- **Music awards**, e.g. Fitzwilliam Instrumental/Choral/Organ Scholarships; money towards music lessons
- **Sports awards**, e.g. Paul Day Sports Fund; Sports Support Fund; Stretton Prize and the Hawks' Fund (university sports scholarship)
- **Regional awards**, e.g. OCR West Midlands Bursary; Chelmsford Educational Foundation and Anne Johnson's Educational Foundation
- **External industrial sponsorship**, e.g. Institute of Engineering and Technology
- **Holiday jobs**, e.g. waitressing/bar work; working as a bedder (cleaner) at a college; tutoring; internships

'We're all normal people from a range of backgrounds and we all have to learn how to budget. One of the best parts of being a student is working out how to get as many freebies as you can!'



1. CHOOSE YOUR COURSE

If you haven't chosen a specific course yet, have a look at the Cambridge online prospectus, or order a paper copy. Bear in mind that you don't necessarily have to have taken a subject in school to do it at uni – it's worth checking out any requirements for each course in the prospectus.

2. VISIT CAMBRIDGE/ GO ON AN OPEN DAY

The University runs two open days in the first week of July, when all the colleges will be open to visit. There will be presentations and information on offer about finance, careers and support for disabled students. You can also visit individual departments to find out more about the courses. Fitz has its own open days too. There are separate days for arts and science subjects in April, and there's one for all subjects in September.

3. CHOOSE A COLLEGE

Choosing a college is down to personal preference. You might choose Fitz because you liked the gardens, the atmosphere, the library, or because it has a large or small number of students in your subject. While every college is part of Cambridge, they are all different, so visiting is a very good idea. Check out study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/colleges/choosing.html for useful information and advice.

4. APPLY

You'll have to submit a personal statement and choose a college on UCAS earlier than if you were applying to other UK universities; by the 15th of October. You'll also need to submit a short 'Supplementary Answer Questionnaire' (SAQ). The picture you choose for that will go on your uni card, which no-one realises and everyone regrets.

5. INTERVIEW

More than 80% of Cambridge applicants get interviews. Your two interviews involve discussions with staff who teach the subject you're applying for. These usually last about 30 minutes each. You may end up discussing your personal statement, work, material given to you either in advance or during the interview, or none of these at all! It's not as much about what you know or how much you've read - it's more an opportunity to let the interviewer see whether you would enjoy the course and respond well to Cambridge teaching methods. You may also be required to submit schoolwork prior to the interview, and may have to sit a test depending on the subject/college.

6. AFTER THE INTERVIEW

You will get a letter in early January, saying one of three things:

1. We're making you a conditional offer: Congratulations
2. We are unable to make you an offer: This happens to about 80% of applicants.
3. You have been pooled: Your application is being considered by other colleges.

7. EXAMS

You got the grades? Great! Spend the summer getting over exam stress, checking the post for your Freshers' Pack, and looking forward to having a brilliant time at a great university.



ADC: Amateur Dramatic Club - Cambridge's student theatre.

Aldi/Iceland/The Co-op: The hill colleges' best-kept secret. Enjoy a breakfast of borderline copyright infringement as you feast on Norpak butter and Wheat Bisks.

Bedders: Staff who clean your room. One morning a week, you will wake in a panic. You'll cram old pizza boxes, unwashed clothes and piles of loose notes under your bed, before your Bedder beats down the door to tackle your boudoir with a Hoover. Leave your bins outside your door each day if you need them to be emptied. Luxury!

Blue: Someone who plays university-level sport. Also how you feel in Week 5.

Boatie: Rowers who sleep 3 hours a day and think that malt loaf constitutes a balanced diet.

Buttery : The big room where we eat in College.

Cindies : A nightclub officially titled (but never referred to as) 'Ballare'. It's always Cindies. It's cheesy, they play 300 songs a minute, and you can see all of Cambridge joyously entering various stages of drunkenness before you.

College Parents: Two college-married older students who guide you in college life and look after you (it's hard to explain). One usually does your subject and can pass on notes.

CUSU: Cambridge University Students' Union. Mainly focuses on access work and rights, as each college provides most of the entertainment and services which the union would normally.

Dean (The): The Dean disciplines you for doing bad things, in a process known as a "deaning".

DoS: Director of Studies. For scientists: "I have a supervision with my DoS every night this week". For artists: "My degree is a DoS" (note - not true...)

Evelyn Suite: Set of rooms exclusively for the use of Medics and Vet Meds. Contain skeletons - both in and out of the closets.

Fez: If you go clubbing here, you're considered kind-of edgy. Allegedly Morocco-themed.

Fitz Entz: Dazzling parties graciously produced by dedicated Fitz students. 2013 Freshers' Week saw Faith SFX perform in our auditorium. Look him up now.

Fitz Ski: Fitz's annual ski trip.

Formals: Dinners where everyone wears dinner suits or dresses, gowns, and behaves formally.

Freshers' Week : Or more accurately, Freshers' Four Days. You won't remember anyone's name.

Gyp Room: What nobody calls the tiny kitchens in College corridors.



Jailbreak: RAG charity event (in the middle of winter) where you try to get as far away from Cambridge as possible in 36 hours, using only your initiative/money you've taken from strangers/daddy's contacts. Last year's winners got to Sydney.

JCR: Junior Combination Room. The group of students elected to represent the student body. A wise, charming and good-looking bunch.

JMA: The JCR, MCR (Graduates) and Clubs and Societies

Life: A nightclub. It's officially named Kuda, which is short for 'I Kuda had more fun, literally anywhere else.' Somewhat of a Fitz haunt on a Sunday night.

Master (The): The Fellow / Top Dog who runs the college (currently Nicky Padfield)

Mathmo: Mathematician.

May Week: The light at the end of the tunnel, May Week is an entire week of guiltless enjoyment after exams. Organise which May Ball to go to early!

Medic: Medical student. Good source of disturbing anecdotes and dubious healthcare advice. Tends to spend their free time either on the bus to Addenbrookes' hospital, or in the Buttery because "the smell of chloroform makes me hungry".

Michaelmas, Lent, Easter: The names of the first, second and third terms. Michaelmas is cold and dry, Lent is cold and wet, and you spend Easter in the library.

Muso: Music student.

NatSci: Natural science student. Biologists are called "Bio NatScis", physicists are "Phys (Fizz) NatScis".

Oxford Road: Fitz' sports ground. A 3-minute cycle from college.

Pav: Churchill's infamous Friday night party. The first one of the year is well attended. Somewhat of a rite of passage.

P-Block: A community of freshers, occasionally resented by other freshers because only P-block has ovens. It's quite literally a 15-second walk from Tree Court; you're not isolated!

Supervision: An hour spent learning from some of the greatest intellects of our subject and time, whilst feeling desperately stupid.

The Grove: The pretty building in Fitz where the Master, Senior Tutor and graduate students spend their time.

The Olisa Library: Our library facilities are superb. We have 24-hour access, an IT room, 3 photocopiers, wi-fi, online renewals and catalogue, and two very kind and helpful librarians. The tower is allegedly the highest point in Cambridge. We proudly do not have showers, like Christ's library.

The Tab: Cambridge's internet tabloid. 1-in-3 articles "debate" feminism. Inexplicably addictive, and the comment section guarantees hilarity. Journalists go on to work for The Sun and BuzzFeed.

The Union: The debating society. They attract famous speakers and run debates, though sadly members no longer get free coffee. Membership is expensive, but lasts forever, so is arguably worth it in the long run.

Tutor: Each term they check you're alive on arrival and departure. Also, go-to person in college when you have problems.

Van of Life: Cambridge's favourite chip van. Name potentially short for The Van of At-Least-I'm-Not-In-Life (see above).

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