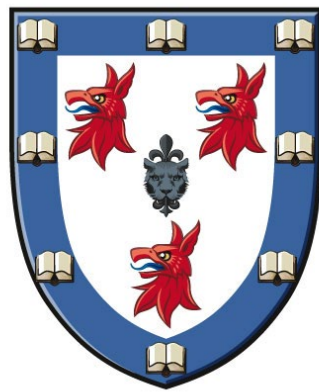


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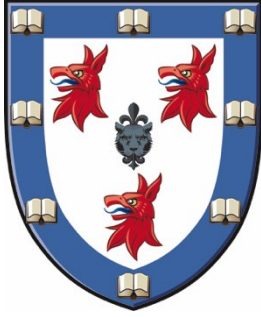
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INTRODUCTION

This guide contains a wealth of information about all aspects of being a student at Homerton and Cambridge; it should be read in conjunction with:

- The [Student Accommodation Handbook](#)
- The [Cambridge Students website](#),
- The [Homerton College website](#).

This handbook describes the facilities provided by the College and gives details of various College Officers and other staff members with whom students are likely to come into contact. It indicates what is and what is not expected of you as a student at Homerton, and where to seek help if problems arise.

Please take the time to read through this guide carefully as it contains the answers to many frequently asked questions.

THE COLLEGE AND ITS MEMBERS

How the College works

The Head of the College is the **Principal** who is appointed by the Fellows, who are senior academics within the College. The Principal chairs most key College committees, including College Council. The **Senior Tutor** has overall responsibility for the day-to-day management of student academic and wellbeing matters and the **Bursar** for all financial and estate (buildings and grounds) matters.

Communication between the College and students

Staff from the Tutorial Office and Admissions Office correspond with all incoming students prior to their arrival in College, giving full details of the accommodation available (where applicable) as well as other aspects of life as a student in Cambridge. On arrival, all students, both undergraduate and postgraduate, are given an induction briefing from senior College Officers and other key staff of the college. A [Student Accommodation Handbook](#) is also published annually.

You are **required** to check your University “@cam” email address **at least once per day**. This is a primary method of communication between members of the College (and the University) and students. You are also strongly encouraged to communicate with the College via your “@cam” email account so we can verify your details.

You are also advised to regularly check the ‘[Our Students](#)’ section of the [College website](#), which is updated regularly by College departments. The website contains details of forthcoming events and daily news items as well as being an online resource for all areas of College life. There are also “Student Bulletins” published frequently (online and via email) – please read these as they also include important updates.

COLLEGE PASTORAL/WELLBEING SUPPORT

Please familiarise yourself with the support available to you in College:

Homerton students are all supported by the **Wellbeing Team** and the **Wider Pastoral Support Team**. The Wellbeing Team includes the Deputy Senior Tutor (Junius Olivier), the Wellbeing Lead (Steve How), the Wellbeing Counselling Consultant (Grace Hernandez), the Nurse, Caroline Andrews, the Wellbeing Adviser (Hannah Rapp), and the Wellbeing Assistant (Claire Hogg).

Additional pastoral care is also provided by members of the wider Pastoral Support Team such as your Tutor, the Senior Tutor (Georgie Horrell), the Senior Postgraduate Tutor (Melanie Keene), Tutorial Office, the Porters' Lodge and College Counsellors. The Homerton Union of Students also plays an important role in providing peer support to any students who feel they need help or advice.

Every student is an individual and may seek different types of support for specific times in their student life. The information on this page shows the range of help available and whom to contact.

The Senior Tutor

The Senior Tutor has wide-ranging responsibilities within the College across both educational and pastoral matters. The Senior Tutor has overall responsibility for the delivery of undergraduate student education, maintaining close contact with Directors of Studies, Tutors, and Fellows and with an overview of the supervision system, and awareness of College teaching in different subjects. They also have overall responsibility for student welfare provision within the College, maintaining close contact with the Tutorial Office, Tutors, Wellbeing Team and Student Representatives.

[The Senior Tutor](#) is available to see any student by appointment, and such appointments may be made via [Senior Tutor's Personal Assistant](#).

Your Tutor (Undergraduate Tutor or Postgraduate Tutor)

On joining the College, every student is assigned a College Tutor who helps them navigate life at the University of Cambridge. Tutors are often the first point of contact to talk through options for support in College, the University, or the local community. They can give advice on academic, financial, health, family, or personal issues.

They can also provide a welfare referral service and direct students to additional support. It is very important to inform your Tutor as soon as you can if a medical issue or difficulty occurs that could impact on your study or exam performance. Undergraduate students will meet with their Tutor at the start of the academic year and tutors are normally available to see students in College during Full Term. A Duty Tutor is on call every night and can be contacted via the Porters' Lodge.

For academic matters, undergraduate students should keep in contact with their Director of Studies, but your Tutor can be contacted with any personal or financial problems. Postgraduate students can talk to their Tutor about any personal, financial, or work-related problems. Students can also contact the Finance Tutor, Dhiru Karia (dk211@cam.ac.uk), who is available to assist with any finance-related problem.

Senior Postgraduate Tutor

Dr Melanie Keene is the Senior Postgraduate Tutor, and oversees postgraduate matters within the College, including the Postgraduate Tutor team, postgraduate student events and opportunities, and postgraduate pastoral matters.

Deputy Senior Tutor

The Deputy Senior Tutor, Dr Junius Olivier, leads the Wellbeing Team and has direct responsibility for the undergraduate Tutors.

Wellbeing Lead – Safeguarding Co-Ordinator

Steve How is the College Wellbeing Lead who also occupies the role of Safeguarding Co-Ordinator. Steve oversees the wellbeing training and workshops that are facilitated throughout the year; in addition to the ongoing activities that you are encouraged and welcomed to sign up to.

As the Safeguarding Co-Ordinator, Steve triages all complaints covering: informal, formal, students and staff as well as any feedback that you wish to share. Once this webform has been received, the relevant policy and procedure is started (Safeguarding, Student Complaints or Staff Grievance).

Steve works Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. He can be contacted through email: wellbeing@homerton.cam.ac.uk, and through his drop-in session.

Counselling Consultant

Grace Hernández offers general wellbeing advice and support. She also oversees the College's counselling provision and is the person to speak to if you wish to understand your counselling options.

She has 10 years of experience working within mental health services, amongst various roles spanning from acute hospitals to the charity sector. Grace is at Homerton for the wellbeing of the whole community, inclusive of students, staff, and Fellows. She is a qualified Integrative Psychotherapeutic Counsellor who is registered with the BACP (British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy). Her credentials are MSc Therapeutic Counselling, BSc Psychology, Level 3 Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, PTSD Management Course Diploma with specialist training in: Suicide Mitigation, Mental Capacity Act, Mental Health Act, Domestic Abuse Champion, Trauma Informed Approach, Conflict Resolution, Difficult Conversations and Mental Health Awareness.

Grace works Tuesdays and Wednesdays and can be contacted via email wellbeing@homerton.cam.ac.uk, and through her drop-in session

College Nurse

Homerton has a part-time College Nurse Caroline Andrews.

Caroline offers a confidential service. She is available to help with a wide variety of physical health.. Caroline is the staff member that provides the main College link to the University Access and Disability Resource Centre (ADRC) and will be happy to support any students with an access or disability need. Caroline can be contacted at nurse@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

Wellbeing Advisor

Hannah Rapp supports staff and students on various wellbeing matters. She is a qualified counsellor and brings an inclusive, non-judgemental attitude to conversations around health and wellbeing. She understands that health is influenced by physical, emotional, social and environmental factors. At Homerton, Hannah responds to individual needs as they arise while also supporting preventative initiatives across the whole college community.

Hannah works Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. She can be contacted through email: wellbeing@homerton.cam.ac.uk, through her drop-in session, and via booking an appointment ([Calendly - Hannah Rapp](#)).

Hannah has worked in education settings for over 10 years and is passionate about empowering young adults. She holds the following qualifications:

- BA Psychology
- Master of Education & Postgraduate Diploma, Child & Adolescent Psychotherapeutic Counselling

A BACP accredited Counsellor, Hannah can be contacted through email: wellbeing@homerton.cam.ac.uk, or telephone: 01223 747248.

Gender Expression Fund

Transgender, non-binary and gender non-confirming students may claim, in confidence, up to £50 per year from the College's [Gender Expression Fund](#) to contribute towards gender related expenses. For further information see under Gender Expression Fund on the Colleges [Financial Support](#) web page.

Confidentiality within the Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing Team works within a system of *team confidentiality*. This means that information you share with any member of the team may be shared with other relevant members of the Wellbeing team. Any related notes are brief and securely recorded.

Any information shared is only shared with others when there is a need (for example, with the Senior Tutor team, your tutor, tutorial and the porters when their input is deemed beneficial to the support being offered).

If you do **not** want information to be shared outside of the Wellbeing team, please let us know. We will do our best to respect your wishes. However, in situations where there is a risk of harm to yourself or others, we may be required to share information. If this happens, we will aim to inform you before taking any action—where possible.

Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

All students are required to complete the harassment and sexual misconduct training provided by the College.

College may share information about incidents of harassment or sexual misconduct with the University (via [OSCCA](#)) and the University will share information about any such incidents with the Senior Tutor.

College Discrimination and Harassment Contacts (CDHC)

At Homerton, the College Discrimination and Harassment Contacts (CDHCs) are in place to offer confidential support to students who may have experienced or currently be experiencing any form of discrimination, harassment, or sexual misconduct.

The CDHCs can signpost students to immediate and long-term welfare support, as well as discussing reporting systems available to those who choose to report the incident(s).

You can also report an incident(s) using the [College Harassment Report Form](#). Contents of your report will be sent to the cdhc@homerton.cam.ac.uk email address. You can also email the CDHCs at cdhc@homerton.cam.ac.uk

The CDHCs for Homerton are:

- **Dr Junius Olivier:** jo502@cam.ac.uk
- **Dr Helen Demetriou:** had24@cam.ac.uk
- **Dr Priscilla Day-Walsh:** pw516@cam.ac.uk

Porters

The Porters at Homerton College are responsible for various duties and provide support to students, staff, and visitors. College Porters are on duty 24/7 and will respond to all emergencies. Students can find the Porters in person at the Porters' Lodge or contact them directly by calling 01223 747111.

Some of their primary responsibilities include:

Reception and Information: Porters are stationed near the College's main entrance in the Mary Allen Building, where they provide a friendly reception service. They can assist with general inquiries, directions, and provide information about College facilities, events and services.

Fire Safety: Porters are responsible for testing the College fire alarms, responding to fire alarm activations and organising fire drills. They also notify and coordinate the emergency services in the event of a real fire or emergency.

Emergency Services: Porters are able to let emergency services onto the site or assist students in acquiring travel to a hospital if necessary. We expect students to inform the Porters if they have called the emergency services to the College site.

First Aid: Porters are first aid trained and will respond to emergencies as required. They can provide initial support, assist students in acquiring transport to a hospital or arrange for the emergency services to attend.

Student Support: The Porters are always available for a friendly chat, support and advice anytime during the day or night. They always try to assist whatever the issue, whether it's to have a break from a long arduous assignment with a looming deadline or you want to discuss a noisy neighbour. Your wellbeing is always their main priority!

Security and Access Control: Porters serve as the primary point of contact for controlling access to the College premises. Porters use CCTV and access control systems to monitor entrances, grounds, gym and accommodation buildings to ensure the safety and security of the College community.

Mail and Packages: Porters handle the incoming and outgoing mail for the College. They place mail in the pigeonholes and notify students when they have packages to collect from the Parcel Room.

Homerton Union of Students (HUS)

The [Homerton Union of Students](#) has elected student welfare officers (undergraduate and postgraduate) who are available for peer support in College and host events throughout the term to promote student wellbeing within the College community. The HUS is comprised of the JCR (for PGCE and Undergraduate Students) and [the MCR](#) (for PGCE and Postgraduate students. Some Integrated Masters' students are also invited to join the MCR in their final (Masters') year).

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Directors of Studies – Undergraduates and some Postgraduates (MASt, LLM, MCL)

[Directors of Studies](#) are responsible for the academic work of undergraduates and there is a Director of Studies for each subject. Most Directors of Studies are Fellows of the College, but in some subjects, the Director of Studies may be shared with another College. Their specific academic responsibilities include the following:

- Providing introductory material/reading lists in advance of the arrival of new students
- Meeting new students to explain the teaching system in detail
- Meeting students individually at the beginning and end of each term
- Advising on subject options, lecture courses, seminars and practical classes where relevant
- Arranging supervisions for their students
- Monitoring student progress from supervision reports
- Advising on and checking examination entries made via CamSIS
- Discussing examination results
- Writing references as requested by students
- Advising any student who is considering a change of Tripos
- Advising students on any academic matter giving cause for concern
- Advising on careers

Supervisors - Undergraduates

Central to the Cambridge undergraduate teaching system is the arrangement of supervisions for the marking and discussion of worksheets and other work. Supervisors see you for regular supervisions, and this is usually with one or two other students. Supervisors are sometimes postgraduates, some of whom may be relatively young. They have the advantage of recent examination experience in the same field, and they will see, mark and provide feedback on your work, and help you prepare for examinations. Some may be older, very distinguished, academics. You will work with many different supervisors during your degree course. As you will be working in very small groups with your supervisor it is an opportunity to get to know people really well.

It is **essential** that students keep appointments with their supervisors. If you fail to keep an appointment, your supervisor will quickly contact your Director of Studies who may in turn contact the Senior Tutor. Students who repeatedly miss supervision appointments without good reason **may be charged for each missed supervision at the rate applicable at the time of the missed supervision**. Most supervisors will listen sympathetically if you have a good reason why work is late, but they will ask you to set an early deadline for its completion. It is vital that you talk to your Director of Studies or your Tutor if there is any danger that you might get behind with your work.

At the end of each term, your supervisor will write a report on your progress using CamCORS (www.camcors.cam.ac.uk), which is the University's supervision reporting system. You will be able to view your reports with your Director of Studies or Tutor and, where necessary, discuss areas to focus on for improvement.

Supervisors – Postgraduates

As a postgraduate student at Cambridge, you are a member of a world-leading university, with departments committed to achieving excellence in research and scholarship. You will receive close individual support from a knowledgeable academic in your field – your faculty or department will assign you a personal supervisor whose role is to guide your programme of study or research. Taught postgraduate students will also receive support from their course manager.

Supervisors are there to provide subject-specific advice relating to your research project and general academic advice. How often a postgraduate student would see their supervisor during an academic year is dependent on several factors including the nature of their course and dissertation, and how much prior knowledge and research experience they have.

Most students studying for a research degree also have a second supervisor or adviser who may be from a different faculty or department. The adviser is not necessarily directly involved in the student's research project, but instead can provide independent monitoring of progress, provide general advice, and serve as a first port of call if any issues arise. You may also be allocated a mentor; and your Department will also have a Director of Postgraduate Education who can assist in case of any difficulties. This supporting team monitors your progress and may be involved in your assessment during the first year.

Your supervisor completes a CamSIS report on your progress at the end of each term. They will also help you clarify your ideas, ensure that you recognise and aim to meet the required standards, and point you in the direction of information and resources that should enable you to succeed in your academic work.

Lecturers

Lectures are given by senior academics who are usually University Teaching Officers (UTOs). Unfortunately, there may be little opportunity to converse with them before, during or after a lecture, although you may be able to catch them at the end or in a practical or by email. However, you may well meet lecturers in your College and sometimes you will attend lectures given by your Tutor, Director of Studies or Supervisor. Most academics enjoy talking about their work and are always interested in students' questions.

Academic Skills and Personal Development Support

The College is dedicated to supporting your academic needs and enhancing your academic skills throughout your time at Homerton and Cambridge. Most faculties run their own study skills courses, ask your Director of Studies for details. One-to-one support is available for any student who requires assistance with writing skills, maths support or time management and personal organisation. You should speak to your Director of Studies (DoS) or your Tutor in the first instance before getting in touch with one of the advisers listed on the website. Please see [Homerton's Student Skills Hub](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Tutorial Office

The Tutorial Office deals with both pastoral and academic enquiries and provides administrative support in these areas to all students, supervisors, Directors of Studies and Tutors. Whilst Tutorial staff may in most instances be able to help directly, you are strongly advised to consult your Tutor and/or Director of Studies or postgraduate course manager/supervisor about any major problems you may encounter. The Tutorial Office also provides administrative support to both the Dean and the Praelectors.

Matters which the staff of the Tutorial Office can help with include:

- Liaison with Tutors and Directors of Studies
- Requests to take examinations under special conditions
- Queries and arrangements relating to examination entries and corrections, examinations to be held in College, co-ordination and accurate recording of results in student files
- Organisation and administration of Matriculation, Congregations (degree ceremonies) and General Admission (undergraduate graduation)

- Provision of application forms, including: [vacation study and travel grants](#), [Postgraduate Research and Training Grants](#), [College parking permits and University Motor Proctor Licences](#), and [change of Tripos](#)
- [Student status letters](#) for students to use when applying to open a bank account, for research posts, scholarships, future employment and other organisations as required
- [Accommodation enquiries](#), residency agreements, extra nights booking and room ballots.

The Tutorial Office is located on the ground floor of the Cavendish building. Current contact details and office opening hours: [Tutorial Office](#).

The Dean

The College Dean is responsible for the maintenance of student discipline. They can be contacted via the Dean's Secretary on dean@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

The College's discipline procedures give the College power to sanction students on the basis of University student disciplinary outcomes.

The Praelectors

The Praelectors are Fellows who are responsible for presenting all students for their degrees at the Senate House, either as part of a Congregation or General Admission. Homerton College usually has two Praelectors: one is Dr Roberto Sileo and the second post is currently open. You can contact the Praelectors via the Praelectors' Secretary on praelectors@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

The Finance Office

The [Finance Office](#) is responsible for the financial running of the College and its subsidiaries. Their responsibilities include tuition and College fee administration, including registering and confirming students' attendance on their course with the Student Loans Company (SLC) if taking a tuition fee and/or maintenance loan, provided the paperwork was submitted on or before Financial Registration; only after receipt of the necessary paperwork will the SLC release your tuition fee loan directly to the College and your maintenance loan directly to you. Any self-funders and overseas students will receive an invoice for fees at Financial Registration.

Any further invoices will be put in student pigeonholes and must be settled in the Finance Office within the set terms per the invoice and rules for payment, as issued to all students at Financial Registration.

Students who have departmental awards or a sponsorship must forward the relevant paperwork to the Finance Office in order to be invoiced correctly and receive payment in a timely manner.

The Finance Office reception is located in the Cavendish Building. Current contact details and office opening hours: [Finance Office](#).

Finance Tutor

We have a part-time Finance Tutor, Mr Dhiru Karia. He is available should you require assistance with financial difficulties, advice on budgeting and cash flow planning, or help with College and University grant and scholarship applications. Dhiru is located in CAV G10 and is available on Wednesdays between 4 and 7pm, and on Thursdays between 12 noon and 7pm during Full Term. If you wish to arrange a meeting you are advised to contact Dhiru on the above days via email dk211@cam.ac.uk or on 01223 747203

The IT Department

The [IT Department](#) is located in the Ibberson building. The IT Helpdesk can be contacted either by email on it-support@homerton.cam.ac.uk or on 01223 747109. The IT Department [webpage](#) has extensive information about the services available, including information about:

- CRSIDs
- WiFi access (via Eduroam)
- Accessing your @cam email address
- Printing/photocopying facilities
- University Managed Desktops
- Free troubleshooting and advice for personal hardware

The University Computing Service

This is situated in the Rodger Needham Building, West Cambridge. After matriculation, anyone is entitled to use the many facilities and services that the University Computing Service offers. All new students will receive a registration number and email address at the beginning of their course.

Facilities and services include:

- Being able to use Macs and PCs in the University Open Areas
- Being able to take IT Courses (run each term)
- Receiving advice on hardware and software maintenance
- Contacting the Help desk over problems with University Services.

Estates Department

The Estates Department takes care of the College buildings and grounds as well as the management of the Porters' Lodge. To contact Estates to report a problem with your room, please email estates@homerton.cam.ac.uk or call 01223 747020.

Schools Liaison Officer (SLO)

The SLO works with school-age students and teachers at state-schools in Homerton's Link Areas (Scotland, Buckinghamshire, South Yorkshire and a handful of West London Boroughs) to support and

encourage students who are interested in pursuing Higher Education, or in applying to Cambridge. In particular, the SLO focuses on students who may be facing additional barriers in taking these next steps.

Homerton students have the opportunity to become student-helpers, to assist in a variety of ways, such as student Q&A panels (for in-person school visits or via webinar), helping with Open Days, or by leading tours around Homerton. To find out more, visit the [Access and Outreach](#) pages, or contact the SLO via email: access@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

Appointments with the Principal or the Senior Tutor

If you wish to make an appointment with the Principal, you should contact his Executive Assistant, Clare Ryan (CAV G02), email: cr569@homerton.cam.ac.uk, or by calling 01223 747132. Appointments with the Senior Tutor are made via her EA, Natasha Thomas (CAV 101), email: njc46@homerton.cam.ac.uk or by calling 01223 747214.

Alumni Office and Social Media

After leaving Homerton, you will join a global community of Homerton alumni. The alumni membership fee is included in the registration fee paid when you first start your course, so that you automatically become a lifelong member of Homerton.

Students and alumni can find a lively and active online community on social media. You can follow the Alumni Office on Twitter ([@HomertonCollege](#)), Facebook ([@HomertonCollegeCambridge](#)), and Instagram ([@homertoncollege](#)).

COLLEGE FACILITIES

Library

Homerton College Library is available 24 hours, 7 days a week to students and staff of Homerton College and provides around 100 study spaces across three floors with views of the College gardens.

The main aim of a Cambridge College Library is to provide material which supports undergraduates taking Part I of any Cambridge Tripos. At Homerton College Library, we aim to provide a stress-free environment for quiet studying, with the perfect desk and plenty of support when you need it. There is a mix of individual desks, group desks, comfortable seating with table lamps, plug sockets and WiFi (Eduroam). Twelve computers are available (PC and Mac) in order to access a wide range of online resources, specialist software and print using the two printers located on the Ground Floor.

The Library has a collection of c60,000 borrowable items to support your studies, for recreational reading or to provide inspiration. Apart from books, it includes magazines, daily newspapers, music scores, journals and DVDs. The Library is also home to a range of special collections that are unique to Homerton- the Local Collection (books on the local area), Music Hire Service (scores and parts for

concerts) and our Children's Literature Collection (around 10,000 children's books from the 1800s onwards).

All students can use the self-issue to borrow up to 15 resources once their University card has been registered with Library staff. You can also use your library card to access your Library Account and renew your books online through [iDiscover](#).

If you need any help, the friendly Library team is always on hand to provide support and guidance in the use of print and electronic resources and answer any queries. Just pop in and speak to us (9.00am - 5.00pm, Monday-Friday), email library@homerton.cam.ac.uk or call 01223 747260. There are also Student Helpers available between 1pm and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday during Full Term.

You are very welcome to suggest new resources for our collection using our [Suggest a Book Form](#) and new additions to the collection are added on a weekly basis. For regular updates about new resources and Library news at Homerton and throughout Cambridge, you can also follow the Library on [X](#) or [Instagram](#).

New students and staff at Homerton are invited to attend either a group subject specific induction session or individual induction session where the library team will explain how to search and locate material at Homerton, arrange access to Faculty and Departmental libraries in Cambridge as well as the University Library and online resources to support your studies. We work closely with the Wellbeing team and the Libraries Accessibility Service to ensure that students and staff have equal access to services and resources regardless of their accessibility needs.

Please ask library staff if you have any questions (Rosie, Alys, James and Sophie).

Catering & Formal Hall

Homerton College provides dining facilities in the Hall and sandwiches and snack items in the Buttery. There are also vending machine facilities within easy reach of student rooms, providing snacks, confectionery and hot and cold drinks. [Please refer to the website for full opening times and information about the Epos Card Payment System.](#)

The catering team pride themselves on providing clearly labelled options such as gluten free or dairy free, and are also always happy to discuss individual dietary needs.

Formal Hall

See also: [Formal Dinners, including Formal Hall](#)

Formal Halls are special dinners that are held in the Great Hall every Tuesday during Full Term and some Fridays for Postgraduate-only Formals. Formal Halls are three-course meals, with waiter service, by candlelight. **Students** dress smartly and Fellows wear academic gowns (as a student you are encouraged, but not required, to wear academic gowns to the Formal Halls).

Dinner starts with Grace at 7:30pm, and **you must be in your seat by 7:25pm**. Postgraduate Formals also have a drinks reception from 7pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance via [UPAY](#). Formal Halls are a good opportunity to entertain friends from other Colleges, as well as to get together with students, staff and Fellows of the College.

Bookings must be made by 2pm on the Friday before Tuesday Formal Halls, or 2pm Wednesday for Friday Formal Halls (Postgraduate).

All student bookings for Formal Hall at Homerton College are managed on the UPAY website. This is the same site you can use to top up your College EPOS account and view and track transactions that you have made within College on your card.

Accommodation

You are advised to read the [Student Accommodation Handbook](#).

Please note that College rents are reviewed annually in the Lent Term and any increases are usually applied from 1 July. For on-site accommodation for the Easter Term, increases will not normally be applied to nights before Travel Day but are applied from 1 July to rents for the Trumpington flats.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STUDENT: Pre-arrival/Arrival

Matriculation

When you register with the College you will be asked to sign a Matriculation form online. This involves a declaration in which you promise to be bound by the Disciplinary Regulations and Procedures of both Homerton College and the University of Cambridge for as long as you are a member of these institutions.

The **Declaration** is:

'I understand that in becoming a member of the above College I accept the responsibility of membership of the College and University community and agree to abide by the statutes, rules and regulations of these institutions and to do nothing that is harmful to the work and reputation of either of them.

I consent to the processing by the College and the University of Personal Data, including sensitive personal data as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998, about me for the proper purposes of these institutions. A description of the data and its uses is contained in the Student Handbook.

I undertake to observe the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 in relation to any personal data I may myself hold and process as a student of the College and the University, and I agree to indemnify the College and the University from liability for any claims or damages that may arise from the processing of this data. I promise to observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the University as far as they concern me, and to pay due respect and obedience to the Chancellor and other officers of the University.'

Terms of Residence

Undergraduates

All undergraduates and some postgraduates have to 'keep term', by residing, *i.e. sleeping*, for the required number of nights during [Full Term](#)*. These students must be in residence for the prescribed number of nights within Full Term; this is 59 nights for Michaelmas and Lent Terms and 52 nights for Easter Term. However, these nights can usually be kept within the dates of Term* which can allow the possibility of being absent from Cambridge for one weekend a term. Undergraduates must be here by the first night of Full Term, usually a Tuesday, and may not leave the College **without permission** until the final Friday of Full Term. Undergraduates are expected to be here for classes every weekday and for some courses on Saturdays as well. Cambridge is not a nine-to-five university and some lectures, supervisions, and most social events take place in the early evenings or at weekends.

*Full Term is a period within Term. Dates of Term always run from 1st October to 19th December (80 days), and from 5th January for 80 days until 25th March. The Easter term varies year to year, but for the next few years (until 2030) will be from the 17th April for 70 days, until 21st May. The College makes a return every term certifying that students have 'kept nights'.

Absence

The following rules regarding absence from College should be strictly adhered to:

1. The Senior Tutor should be informed (via seniortutor@homerton.cam.ac.uk) if you have to leave urgently or if you are unable to return to College for any reason.
2. If you need to be absent from College during term time, you must seek permission from your Tutor stating a valid reason, and contact your Director of Studies and supervisors, or ask your Tutor to do so on your behalf. Please forward on any correspondence to the Tutorial Office.
3. If you return to College after absence you should report your return as soon as possible to the Porters' Lodge and the Tutorial Office.

Weekends

Undergraduates are required by University Regulations to reside in Cambridge for the number of nights contained in Full Term, but these can be kept during the dates that constitute Term. To be resident for a night you must be in your room by 6 a.m. in order to fulfil the University Regulations. Students residing in College who intend to be away for the weekend should inform their Tutor. This information is required for fire safety procedures. Students who are prevented by illness or accident from returning to College should inform the Senior Tutor immediately.

Three Year Residency

It is normally College policy to offer residential accommodation to students for **three** undergraduate years, if possible. First year students are required to be roomed on site; mature undergraduate students (25 or over) can request permission to remain in their current home by writing to the Senior Tutor prior to the start of their course.

Students on four-year undergraduate courses will be offered accommodation in College for each year of their course, subject to availability. **Accommodation for all 4 years of an undergraduate degree is not guaranteed.**

Postgraduates

All full-time postgraduate students are [required to be in residence](#) in Cambridge for a minimum of 3 terms and are required to live within 10 miles of Great St Mary's church, unless they have applied for [Leave to Work Away](#) or leave to live further away from Cambridge.

To keep your terms of residence, students must be in Cambridge for three quarters of the total nights of each term.

Michaelmas Residence requirements = 59 nights

Lent Residence requirements = 59 nights

Easter Residence requirements = 52 nights Although doctoral research students are expected to study throughout the year, they are entitled to up to 8 weeks' annual leave, to be agreed with their supervisor.

There are no residence requirements for part-time students, but they are required to attend the University on a regular basis as prescribed by their Degree Committee. In general part-time research students are expected to be in Cambridge for around 45 days per year, spread throughout the year.

CamSIS

The University has a centralised dedicated student record system known as CamSIS which is used for validating your personal information, processing your examination entries, and producing University Transcripts at the end of a student's course. CamSIS is used by most Faculties and Departments, as well as the main University Offices. CamSIS can be accessed using your CRSID and Raven password at the following website: www.camsis.cam.ac.uk.

It is important that we maintain an up-to-date register of all student addresses and contact numbers. **It is your responsibility** to ensure that your address is accurate on CamSIS. If you get married or change your name for other reasons, a copy of your marriage certificate with your new married name, or a copy of the Deed Poll letter, should be given to the Tutorial Office as early as possible. They can also advise about other changes such as gender.

Postgraduate students can download information and application forms from their self-service pages e.g. to apply to work away from Cambridge, to live outside the city precincts and to request intermission if they are ill.

For full information regarding postgraduate procedures please see the Student Registry website at [Postgraduate Student Information](#).

University Cards

The University Card is issued to all students and staff of the University of Cambridge, and you should carry it with you when on site and when visiting other sites in the University. Also printed on the card are the holder's name and photograph, card expiry date and a unique identifier. The aim is to have one card with multiple uses – these currently include identification, access control to libraries and buildings, and diverse applications such as catering payment. At Homerton College, the University Card is used for the following:

- Student identification
- Library borrowing rights
- Site access using the Salto security system (all residences, IT department and Library)
- Purchase of food and drink in the College Buttery/Bar and Dining Hall. (EPOS)

Further information is available from [University Card | IT Help and Support \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.cam.ac.uk/it-help-and-support). If your card has been lost, stolen or broken, please visit the Tutorial Office to request a replacement. Please note that there is a £15 charge to replace lost cards.

Illness in term time

The Community Health Adviser should be informed immediately of any illness during term time. If they are not available, you should contact your local GP. Outside of hours, contact the duty Porter.

International Students

If you need to apply for a new visa, or an extension to an existing visa, please contact the [University's International Student Office](#) for advice. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct visa.

Requirements once in the UK

It is a requirement that the University take a scan of your passport, visa and proof of entry within 7 days of your arrival in the UK. To fulfil this requirement, you must either bring your passport to the Tutorial Office when you arrive, or hand it in at Registration, **whichever is sooner**. Your documents will be scanned and returned to you.

If any changes are made to your passport and/or visa during your course, you are required to bring these to the Tutorial Office as soon as possible for them to be re-scanned. For this reason, students are asked to check their passport carefully to see if any amendments or restrictions have been added.

It is also a requirement of the UK Visas and Immigration that the University keeps a record of your continued engagement with studies as part of its visa sponsorship duties. This is to ensure that, in accordance with student visa policy, you are actively and consistently following your course of study.

If you are here on a Student Visa, it is extremely important you read the [Your responsibilities on a student visa guide](#) on the International Student Office website. You can contact the International Student

Office for advice and/or further information on any of these topics, including apply for, or extending, visas at [International Student Office](#).

Council Tax

All full-time students are exempt from paying Council Tax. The Tutorial Office will send the Council a list of students who are not living in College. This list will contain term-time addresses so it is important that you update CamSIS with your latest address. The Council no longer require you to give them a Council Tax Exemption Certificate.

MEd/MSt students are not eligible for Student Council Tax Exemption as they do not meet the minimum requirements for hours of study per week, which is normally at least 21 hours per week for 24 weeks per year

Please note: if you are living in a house with non-students, only your portion of the Council Tax will be deducted from the bill.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STUDENT: Academic

Academic Requirements: Examinations and Meeting Required Academic Standards

The College expects students to be diligent and conscientious in their academic work. An undergraduate student who has failed to pass an examination or who has failed to achieve the honours standard in a University Tripos examination will not be allowed to remain a member of the College and will be required to leave the University. Where there are mitigating circumstances an appeal can be made to the EAMC or Postgraduate Committee (see [When Illness or Grave Cause has impacted an Examination](#)), or in the case of a Preliminary examination an appeal can be made to College Council. It is a requirement of College Council that all undergraduate students must pass an examination before transferring from one academic year to the next. For more detailed information about examination appeals talk to your Tutor and ask for the College guidance notes on appeals.

Academic work should be treated as a priority and, for this reason, the University has rules about undertaking paid work. For undergraduates and postgraduates on full time taught courses, the terms are short and these students are encouraged not to take on any paid work during Term. Postgraduate students on research courses, including those studying for a PhD, are encouraged to take on no more than 10 hours of paid work per week. For further information please see [Working while you study](#).

Undergraduate Change of Tripos (academic course)

Your offer at Cambridge was based on the particular course you applied for. However, if you feel you chose the wrong course, it is sometimes possible to change, depending on a number of factors. If you are considering a change of Tripos subject, first consult your Tutor, your Director of Studies and/or the Senior Tutor.

An application form and further information for change of Tripos after Part I is available from the Tutorial Office. Applications will be considered by the Educational Policy Committee, which will make a recommendation to college council. Each application is considered on its merits, but in most cases a student will be expected to get a good 2.1 at Part I before transferring to a different subject at Part II so as not to be disadvantaged in their final degree result. Your new Director of Studies will need to assure themselves that they have the capacity to teach an extra person, that you have the relevant background, and that you would have had a good chance of being offered a place on the course if you had applied originally. Please note that a preliminary examination does not count as a Tripos and therefore students cannot change subject after a Prelim year. The deadline for applications typically falls in mid-June.

If your application for a change of Tripos is successful and you are taking a tuition fee loan from the Student Loans Company, the Finance Office will need to file a 'Change of Circumstance' with the SLC. Once processed, you should receive new SLC paperwork to reflect the Tripos change. You will need to send a copy of this to studentfinance@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

Intermitting / Taking a break from your course

'Intermission' is the University term for a break from your course for health or other significant reasons ('grave cause'). Depending on whether you have completed some elements of the course, you would be expected to return at the start of the subsequent Michaelmas Term, or a complete year later; arrangements for postgraduate students differ. If you think you may need to intermit, please contact your Tutor or the Senior Tutor (for undergraduates) or the Senior Postgraduate Tutor (for postgraduates) at an early stage so that the process can be fully explained before a final decision is made.

For undergraduate or postgraduate medical intermission **the** grounds for intermitting are usually chronic or acute illness or similar grave cause, which make it impossible for the student to continue with their studies. In these circumstances, you would be required to submit medical evidence that you are so seriously incapacitated as to be incapable of continuing with your course. For further information, please see [When something goes wrong before exams and deadlines](#) and [Medical intermission](#).

Postgraduate students are also able to intermit on non-medical grounds, for such things as parental leave, family emergencies and internships or placements that are not integral to the course (<https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your-course/postgraduate-study/your-student-status/non-medical-intermission>).

Intermitting is thus intended only to relieve a student from disadvantage. It may not be used to allow a student to gain an advantage not available to others. Intermitting should not be regarded as a means of changing Tripos: undergraduate students contemplating a change of Tripos should consult the Senior Tutor and the relevant **Directors** of Studies.

If you are thinking of withdrawing from your course, you should consult your Tutor or the Senior or Senior Postgraduate Tutor as soon as possible, and they will be able to help you to weigh up the pros and cons.

Examinations - Appeal Procedures

If you are unwell in the run up to exams or a deadline for assessed coursework, or if your preparation for exams is hindered by ill health during the course of the year, you must make your Tutor aware so that an early warning can be put in place. After the examinations, any appeal on health grounds where there was not an early warning in place before the exams is much less likely to be successful.

Appeal procedures for Part I and Part II of the undergraduate Tripos are published jointly by the University and the Cambridge Students Union (Cambridge SU) titled: 'Undergraduate Examination Appeals: Guidance notes for candidates'. Copies should be available on the Cambridge SU website, <https://www.cambridgesu.co.uk/>.

Postgraduate Students beyond their Third Year of Research

Postgraduate students who have completed 9 terms of research (12 or 15 terms if part-time) will not normally be liable to pay the University Composition and College fees unless they are sponsored by a research council or another organisation for a 4-year programme.

Plagiarism

Please refer to the [University's plagiarism pages](#).

Both the College and the University take this very seriously and your degree could be at risk if you commit plagiarism. The golden rule: the **Examiners must be in no doubt as to which parts of your submitted work are your own original work and which parts are the rightful property of someone else.**

Freedom of Speech

The College is strongly committed to the principle of freedom of speech and expression. It fosters an environment where all of its members can participate fully in the life of the College, and where each member feels confident and able to research, question and test received wisdom, and to express new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions, without fear of isolation, marginalisation or discrimination. Equally, the College expects its members to receive and respond to intellectual and ideological challenges in a constructive and peaceable way. The College also acknowledges its statutory duties in protecting its members and other people from "radicalisation", which in this context means being drawn in by others to support terrorism, or to commit acts of terrorism.

Anyone organising a meeting should consult the Code of Practice and accompanying Guidelines drawn up by the College, and will be required to declare their commitment to Freedom of Speech as part of booking College premises. Permission for meetings covered by the code should be obtained from the Dean.

Religious Observance

Homerton is a non-denominational College and respects and encourages all normal and established religious observance of whatever faith or background, or none. Although it has its origins in the Congregational church and still has constitutional links with the United Reformed Church, Homerton has no chapel or permanent place of worship, however there is a Reflection Room i. Traditionally, students who wish to participate in a religious community do so at one of the various centres of worship in the city.

All religious activity is therefore organised on an informal basis, often in association with student groups and societies. Within the University there are flourishing [Student Union Societies](#) for almost every World Religion and all the Christian denominations.

Where religious observance for a holy day in one of the world religious calendars clashes with the University or College timetable, students will be excused attendance at lectures but must notify their Tutor of their absence in advance. Special arrangements can sometimes be made for exams. The same applies for days or nights at the beginning or end of term when travel is prohibited on religious grounds. Special tuition to cover for missed/cancelled appointments will not be provided.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STUDENT: Being a good citizen of the College

Antisocial behaviour

All College members are expected to behave with courtesy and consideration towards our community of staff and students. This includes being considerate of others who may be trying to work or sleep when you may want to socialise. Please go to the JCR/MCR or other social areas as applicable. Accommodation blocks are expected to be quiet after 11pm. If you are disturbed by noise from others, phone the Porters on 01223 747 111 or email porters@homerton.cam.ac.uk and they will attempt to quieten things down without mentioning you.

BBQs

BBQs are not permitted on site.

Bedrooms

The Accommodation pages of the website include information about what items are included in student rooms. You may find that there are other items you would like to bring with you to help you feel at home, but please be aware that there are some restrictions, including:

- Electric scooters are not permitted (further information below, under “Bicycles”)

- Most electrical appliances require approval to be kept in College. Please refer to the [Student Accommodation Handbook](#) for more detailed information, and email any request to accommodation@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

Bicycles

The use of a bicycle is normal practice in Cambridge for students and staff alike. A good second-hand bicycle can be purchased for between £100-£130 and will always beat the traffic and more often than not beat the bus as well. Cycling is a good source of exercise and is environmentally friendly.

You **MUST REGISTER** your bikes with the Porters' Lodge.

Once you have completed the online registration process (see the Porters for details) the Porters will give you a registration band to put on your bike. Your bike could be disposed of during our annual bike cull if you don't have this band on your bike. Electric bikes or their batteries are **not** permitted on site.

It is essential that bicycles are always locked in the cycle racks with a good quality D-lock or similar. If you follow this procedure your bicycle should be safe. But **BE WARNED**: over 300 bicycles a month are stolen in Cambridge in the first few months of each academic year.

The College does not accept any liability for loss or damage to student cycles left in the racks. Bicycles must be locked in the recognised areas where there are racks. Bicycles chained to Fire Escapes or left anywhere outside the cycle racks will be cut free and impounded by the Porters, and students will have to pay a fee to reclaim their bike. You may leave your bicycle locked in the designated cycle racks over the vacation periods on condition that it is numbered and registered with the Porters.

Bicycles must not be kept in College rooms.

Bicycles and Safety

Students should ensure they have basic safety gear such as reflective clothing, a helmet and lights when cycling. It is an offence to cycle on any public road without lights; further information is available from the Highway Code section on cyclists:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG_069837.

Cycles, skateboards and roller blades are not allowed in the inner precincts of College nor on any of the footpaths.

Bike Cull

During Michaelmas (main Bike Cull) and throughout the year, the Porters will place notices on any bicycles that are not registered, look abandoned, or are in a state of disrepair.

Enough time will be given for students to respond to notices and claim their bike (term-time). Any bicycles that have not been removed by the specified date will be assumed to be abandoned. Any abandoned bicycles will be given to a local charity for refurbishment and resale (OWL Bikes – Papworth Trust).

The College does not accept any liability for cycles that have been abandoned or handed over to a local charity and resold. Bike culling will not take place during exam period to avoid disturbing or distracting students.

Scooters

Manual scooters ('kick scooters'/'push scooters') are considered under the same rules as bicycles, but please be aware that **electric scooters ('e-scooters') are not allowed on site**. Electric scooters will be seized as in breach of the College rules and regulation in relation to portable appliances. A seizure notice will be issued and the affected student should attend the Porters' Lodge prior to the end of term travel day to collect and sign for this device prior to removing it permanently from the College.

Cars, Parking, Motorbikes & Public Transport

The University has rules on full-time students keeping and using a car in Cambridge. All undergraduate students, and postgraduate students **under 24 years of age** are required to apply for a Motor Licence: [Motor Vehicles | The Proctors' and Marshal's Office \(cam.ac.uk\)](#) if they wish to keep a car in Cambridge. The application must be supported by your College Tutor or the College Dean. Postgraduate students aged 24 years or older do not need permission to keep a car in Cambridge, though we would ask students to think carefully about their transport plans before bringing a car to Cambridge- cars are often not the most effective mode of transport. Please note, in any case, holding a Motor Licence does not mean parking in University, Faculty or College car parks is permitted.

Separately, full-time students must apply for a College parking permit if they wish to park their car in Homerton: [Student Parking Application | Homerton College \(cam.ac.uk\)](#). Please note that a parking permit is not guaranteed, even if you hold a Motor Licence from the Proctors. Parking permits are generally issued to resident students (live onsite) and need the car for academic reasons, such as school or hospital placements, or have disability and/or access needs. Non-resident students (living offsite) are only issued parking permits if they have disability and/or access needs.

If you are requesting parking at the College for access to another institution, including the Faculty of Education, this will be denied. You should contact the relevant institution directly.

Part-time students do not need to apply for a motor licence. Please note that only part-time students are only offered parking in College during their on-site residentials, or when in College accommodation. College is unable to provide parking for access to another institution, including the Faculty of Education, you should contact the institution directly

If you need to apply for both a Motor Licence and a College parking space, you should do both at the same time. If you need a signature for the Tutor's note [as part of the application for a Motor Licence], please send this to your Tutor or to dean@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

Students who keep a car without a Proctor's Licence in Cambridge will be subject to a fine and run the risk of expulsion if the car is not removed.

There are excellent transport facilities available to students in Cambridge. Regular bus services run from the bus stop in front of the Porters' Lodge and Cambridge railway station is only a few streets away. Timetables for all local public transport services may be found at the Porters' Lodge.

Spaces

Parking spaces at Homerton are **strictly** limited. A Homerton Parking Permit does **not** guarantee a parking space, and there may be occasions when you will need to park elsewhere. The Proctor's Licence and/or Homerton Parking Permit must be clearly displayed on the windscreen. Owners of cars parked without the relevant permits will be subject to a fine imposed by the Dean. Students with Parking Permits **must** park in the Visitor's car park at the end of Harrison Drive. Students must follow the instructions of the Head Porter at all times.

Common Rooms

There are two common rooms for students, providing a comfortable social centre. The Junior Common Room (JCR) is for all undergraduate students and is situated in the Cavendish Building. The Middle Common Room (MCR) is for all postgraduate students and is in Morley House. PGCE students are members of both the JCR and MCR.

Conferences

While you are in residence you will become aware that you sometimes share College facilities with conference guests. The College is a charity that raises money to support education and research; the money raised by conferences reduces the charges for student accommodation and meals. It also contributes towards building maintenance and the long-term educational mission of the College and its upkeep. A student bed for a night at Homerton might cost you from £21.70, but conference guests can pay more than three times that amount for the same privilege and pay restaurant prices for their meals. The conference market in Cambridge is very competitive, but Homerton has a reputation as one of the best venues.

Conferences also provide the resources that enable the College to maintain student accommodation to high standards; the staff who look after you in term time also look after conferences when you are away. They take great pride in maintaining some of the best accommodation in Cambridge and like to be appreciated. Residential conferences and weddings are run only during student vacation periods, but day conferences run all through the year and some of the conferences will be important international research events. Occasionally, particularly at the beginning and ends of term, there is an overlap of conference activity when you may become aware of conference guests. We simply ask that you be understanding, courteous and helpful.

Dress Code

The College understands that for many students College is a student's home during the academic year. However,, we would ask that you follow a couple of guidelines to help with the smooth running of College life:

- For health and safety reasons, you must ensure that you wear shoes throughout the College site, including inside buildings, and **especially** in catering areas. Please be advised that you will be asked to leave the Library, Buttery and Hall if you enter barefoot.
- It is requested that students are fully dressed when in communal areas of the College, and not in nightwear (i.e. pyjamas).

Formal Dinners, including Formal Hall

- 1 Dress should be formal and in keeping with the occasion, e.g., suit and tie, cocktail dress or equivalent. Casual attire such as jeans, shorts, crop tops and trainers are not permitted. Fellows wear their academic gowns. Students are not required to wear academic gowns but may do so if they wish. Guests who are members of the University may wear gowns if they wish.
- 2 Wine is provided with the meal; no alcohol is to be brought into the Dining Hall.
- 3 Unless needs must, those dining should remain seated at all times to avoid accidents involving those who are serving.
- 4 During the meal, there should be no singing, shouting, speech-making or toasting. On special occasions, such as a birthday, it is acceptable for singing to take place once the Fellows have departed the High Table. None of these activities must interfere with the operations of the catering staff. Mobile phones must remain off for the duration of the meal, and no photography is permitted. Drinking games are not permitted.
- 5 A Fellow may bring anyone as a guest to High Table, other than undergraduates of the University (except as official guests of the College). Tutors and Directors of Studies entertaining students should sit with their students at Low Table unless space is limited, in which case seating them at High Table is possible at the discretion of the supervising member of the catering staff.

Gardens & Grounds

Please play your part in taking care of the College gardens and grounds by keeping to the designated footpaths and avoid cutting corners or damaging plants. Please also avoid any paths that may have been cordoned off: this is for your safety. Please clear away your glasses, plates and any rubbish after you have finished eating or drinking in the College grounds. The College has an interesting range of plants, trees and shrubs and if any students would like to know more, then please contact the Head Gardener on 01223747088.

Healthcare and Support

If you are moving to Cambridge you are strongly encouraged to register with a medical practice at the start of your course. This can be done online. Most local doctors are familiar with the problems affecting students at Cambridge. This does not usually prevent undergraduates from visiting the family doctor at home in the vacations.

Most of our students register with the nearby Woodlands practice. You can begin your registration on their [website](#) or search for other practices on the NHS [website](#).

Health care is available in Cambridge from the National Health Service (NHS). Detailed healthcare advice for international and EU students can be found on the [International Student website](#).

The costs of repatriation after a serious accident are not covered by NHS funding; you are advised to take out insurance against unexpected travel and medical expenses.

If you are coming to Cambridge from another part of the United Kingdom, please bear in mind that not all Area Health Authorities provide the same range of treatments. If you need continuing treatment for a pre-existing condition you should ask your home GP to liaise with the Cambridgeshire Health Authority.

Please note that this advice is intended for guidance only. It remains the responsibility of any student who has concerns about health care provision to contact their local health care provider for advice.

Emergencies

Only dial 999 and ask for an ambulance in a life-threatening situation. For urgent but non life-threatening matters ring 111 or access [NHS 111](#) website for advice. NHS 111 option 2 will put you through to the mental health crisis team. Call the Porters' Lodge on 01223 747111 and tell the Porter on duty what has happened. The Porters must be informed that the emergency services have been called to the site or they may be turned away.

In the event of illness that may require a visit from a medical professional, please advise them to report to the Porter's Lodge before entering student accommodation or any other part of Homerton College. If NHS 111 recommends attendance at hospital or other premises the Duty Porter will authorise the use of a College funded taxi at his/her discretion. The nearest Accident & Emergencies Department is at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Hills Road.

College Nurse

Our College Nurse, Caroline Andrews, is a fully qualified nurse, and is here to provide health advice and support to students. You can see Caroline if you are feeling unwell or have other health worries. She can give advice and treat minor illnesses and minor injuries. You can also discuss contraception, sexual health matters, immunisation and travel vaccination. Her telephone extension number is 01223747248, you can email her on nurse@homerton.cam.ac.uk, and [book appointments online](#).

Local Medical Practices:

Woodlands Surgery	48-49 Bateman Street	01223 697600
Lensfield Medical Practice	48 Lensfield Rd	01223 651020
Queen Edith Medical Practice	59 Queen Edith's Way	01223 247288
Trumpington Street Medical Practice	56 Trumpington Street	01223 361611
Trumpington Medical Centre Clay Farm	Hobson Square, Trumpington	01223 845185

NHS Direct

You should call the NHS 111 service if you need medical help and advice fast, but it is not a 999 emergency. You will be assessed, given advice and directed straight away to the local service that can help you best. Calls to NHS 111 are free from landlines and mobile phones. If you are calling 111 with mental health concerns choose option 2 and you will be put through to a specialist service.

Additional Support

It is important to remember that there is a wide range of support and pastoral care available to you, within the College and the University, including through the Tutorial system, the Community Health Adviser, the Wellbeing Coordinator, HUS and the University Counselling Service but also in the wider world of the NHS and local health care provision. This is particularly important where long-term treatment is needed that may extend beyond the time you are studying at Cambridge. If you become concerned about the mental health and safety of others it is important to share your concern with your Tutor, the Counsellor, the Wellbeing Lead or the Community Health Adviser.

Wellbeing

Homerton students are all supported by the College Wellbeing Team. This includes your Tutor, the Senior Tutor, the Community Health Adviser, the Wellbeing Lead and College Counsellors. Further information about the different support services available is available on the [Homerton College website](#).

Insurance for Personal Belongings

Insurance is provided via Howden (previously Endsleigh) for all students who live in College accommodation. All you need to do is [confirm your cover](#) before you arrive.

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
Incoming mail and messages are delivered to individual pigeonholes near the Porters' Lodge. Notes for members of Homerton can also be left for collection at the Porters' Lodge. Incoming parcels and recorded delivery items must be signed for and collected at the Porters' Lodge; you will need to produce your University ID Card to confirm your identity before items are handed over. You will be emailed advising you that you have a parcel to collect from the Porters' Lodge.

Please ensure that you use your individual **Pigeonhole Number / CRSID** for your Homerton Address (see example below). This will help us identify the correct pigeonhole and successfully deliver your post and parcels.


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Mobile phones

You are encouraged to bring a mobile phone to College.  Please update your record on CamSIS if your number changes. **Mobile phones must be switched off during lectures and supervisions and MAY NOT be taken into formal examinations.** It is a serious offence to have a mobile phone on your person during an exam.

Music

Please be thoughtful about playing loud music in your room (see “[Noise](#)” below). Use headphones whenever you can. If you wish to practise a musical instrument (without headphones), please use one of the [College music practice rooms](#). The practice rooms can be booked at the Porters’ Lodge. 

Noise

Accommodation blocks are expected to be reasonably quiet between 11pm and 7am. If you are experiencing a lot of noise from other students, please call the Porters (see “[Antisocial behaviour](#)”).

Quiet Period

During the Easter term, when many students will be sitting examinations, the College instigates ‘Quiet Period’ where rules regarding noise after 11pm are strictly enforced across the College site, and any student breaking them will be referred to the Dean. Quiet Period tends to be in force for the whole of the Easter term, as some Tripos examinations are held at the start of the term, and some are held on the last day of term. Notices regarding the dates and times of Quiet Period will be displayed in College and sent via email.

Room Changes

If you wish to move rooms, you must make an application to the [Accommodation Officer](#). Where a room change is possible, there will be an administrative charge of £30, which is payable in the Finance Office. This may be waived in exceptional circumstances.

Smoking Policy

In line with the Government ban, Homerton is a non-smoking/vaping College. It is the policy of Homerton College that all our buildings and communal areas are smoke- and vapour-free, including external areas except in the designated smoking areas. Anyone found smoking/vaping within the College Buildings (including residential rooms), or who tamper with smoke detectors, will be subject to a fine from the Dean. Any repeated offences of smoking in College residences will result in further disciplinary action, including accommodation contracts being terminated.

Societies

The HUS funds and maintains a range of College societies. College societies currently include, but are not limited to, the Jazz Band, College Choir, Environmental Society, Law Society, Music Society, Christian Union, Steel Pans, HATS (Homerton Amateur Theatrical Society), and the Allotment Society. If you would like to start a society, get in touch with the HUS or drop into the office.

Homerton also has a wide range of sports clubs, including football, rowing, hockey, cricket, netball, rugby, tennis, badminton, squash, ultimate Frisbee and more.

All students are also automatically members of the [Homerton Union of Students \(HUS\)](#) and the [Cambridge SU](#), which is affiliated to the [National Union of Students \(NUS\)](#).

Sports Facilities

A range of sports facilities is provided. In partnership with St Mary's School, the College has a state-of-the-art sports facility on Long Road. The facilities include two floodlit AstroTurf pitches, three floodlit tennis and netball courts, cricket nets, high jump and long jump facilities, junior grass football pitch and in summer an athletics track, a pavilion with four changing rooms, a small kitchen, a seating area and medical rooms. Use of facilities for students is arranged via the HUS.

In addition to the Long Road facility, the college has a grass football pitch (on-site). Students can use this facility without booking, provided it is not in use for College fixtures. Club Captains should keep in contact with the Head Gardener via the HUS Sports Officer so that she can help with their requirements.

For facilities not available on site, Hills Road sports centre is conveniently located next door to the College, and has a range of tennis surfaces, squash court, indoor cricket nets and a sports hall.

Homerton has a 24-hour gym and a dance studio with mirrored walls, ballet bars and a wireless speaker system. Membership is currently on an annual basis. For resident students, the membership is included in the term's rent. The Annual membership for students living out of College is £50. You can pay direct to Finance or by UPAY. If you are interested in joining the gym, please [complete the form on the Homerton Gym webpage](#).

Homerton College Boat Club (HCBC) is the rowing club at Homerton; HCBC recently constructed a new boat house in conjunction with the City of Cambridge Rowing Club and St Mary's School. This means Homerton students have access to a variety of boats and can proudly fly the College flag during

the intercollegiate tournament '[the bumps](#)'. HCBC meet multiple times a week and can work around varying commitment levels, from students training once a week to every day. Training includes a combination of gym sessions and rowing on the river Cam. Current students can get involved by following the HCBC [Facebook](#) and [Instagram pages](#), or by contacting the current captains.

Travel Days

Undergraduates

For undergraduates who are resident on site, you will be told when Travel Day is for your tenancy. On Travel Day at the start of term (other than your first term), your room will be available from 12pm and you must check in and collect your key from the Porters' Lodge on arrival. On Travel Day at the end of term, you **must** vacate your room and check out at the Porter's Lodge by 4pm. You may not leave items in your room once you have checked-out unless you have specifically been given permission to do so.

If you do not physically check out of your room at the Porters' Lodge on Travel Day and you have not paid for extra nights, you will be charged £35/night until you check out, an administrative charge of £10, and you may face disciplinary action from the Dean.

Postgraduates with a Residency Agreement

If you do not physically check out of your room at the Porters' Lodge on Travel Day and you have not paid for extra nights, you will be charged £35/night until you check out, an administrative charge of £10, and you may face disciplinary action from the Dean.

Students visiting College, including MSt students on Residentials

If you do not physically check out of your room at the Porters' Lodge on Travel Day and you have not paid for extra nights, you will be charged £35/night until you check out, an administrative charge of £10, and you may face disciplinary action from the Dean.

Vacation guidance notes – Extra Nights

If you wish to stay up past a departure Travel Day or arrive early before an arrival Travel Day, you must book Extra Nights and pay in advance online: you will be sent more information about how to do this when bookings open. Provided that you book at least 7 days before the first extra night, the rate charged will be the same as your room's usual rate. Further details are on [the Extra Nights](#) page.

You may be asked to move rooms during the vacation to allow for general maintenance, redecoration, and/or conference activity. Students in West House and South Court should expect to move to another room for their extra nights.

Please be aware that out of University Term not all normal services are available, particularly cleaning and catering. You may therefore need to prepare your own meals in the gyp-rooms provided.

You must be absolutely clear about the **start and end dates** of when you wish to remain in residence in order to satisfy Fire Regulations and to assist the Accommodation Office with room planning.

Normal Fire Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures apply the same as in term time.

Extra Nights – a definition

Extra nights must either:

- begin on a Leaving Travel Day or
- end on an Arrival Travel Day

If there is a gap between Travel Day and the night(s) you want to stay in College, this is **not** an Extra Night, it is a Guest Night and charged at a different rate.

TV Licence

You need to be covered by a TV Licence to watch live or streamed programmes live on an online TV service. You don't need a TV Licence if you only ever watch on demand or catch-up programmes on services other than BBC iPlayer - and if you never watch TV programmes live on any channel or TV service.

This applies to any device you use. Visit [TV Licensing](#) for more information.

Visitors and Guests

All overnight guests **must** be signed in and out at the Porters' Lodge. This is a legal requirement. Under no circumstances should guests be lent or given College keys, University cards or fobs. Visitors and children should not go into the residential areas of College unless they are accompanied. Visitors should also be signed in to The Griffin, and accompanied by their host, if they wish to drink there. Visitors should be accompanied throughout the College. Unaccompanied visitors are likely to be escorted from the College grounds, without reference to their host.

Occasional guests must not exceed **three** successive nights in any student room in a seven-day period or **nine** nights per term. Lengths of stay beyond this time must be paid for and the guest must be booked in to a separate room (if available). Students are wholly responsible for the behaviour of their guests at all times.

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR STUDENTS

Academic Support:

Student Skills Hub

If you would like help with writing, note-taking, time management, maths exercises or many other study skills you can search the [Build your skills hub](#). .Postgraduate Researcher Development

The University's central team, which develops and delivers a diverse programme of activities and online resources for postgraduate researchers. Find out more here: <https://www.rdp.cam.ac.uk/>.

University Resources and Links

Accessibility & Disability Resource Centre (ADRC)

www.disability.admin.cam.ac.uk

Cambridge SU (Student Union)

[Home \(cambridgesu.co.uk\)](http://Home.cambridgesu.co.uk)

Careers

Your Tutor and/or Director of Studies can give limited advice on careers, but the University has an excellent Careers Service and website: www.careers.cam.ac.uk. It is recommended that you register with the Careers Services as soon as possible – it is available to you for the rest of your life.

Student information, e.g. Examination Timetables, Appeals, Support etc.

<http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/>

University Reporter online

www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/

Alternatively, if you wish to subscribe to receive emails when a new edition is available online, go to [Cambridge University Reporter](#) and sign up to the Reporter mailing list.

University of Cambridge Hardship Support

Undergraduates: [Undergraduate Financial Assistance](#)

Postgraduates: [Postgraduate Financial Assistance Fund | Cambridge students](#)

The University Counselling Service (UCS)

www.counselling.cam.ac.uk/

College Resources and Links

Complaints Procedures

The Student Complaints Procedure is available here: [Policies and Documents \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/PoliciesandDocuments).

Data Protection

Please visit the Homerton website for the most recent documents:

<https://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/PublicDocuments>.

Discipline and Disciplinary Procedures

College student discipline is regulated by the College Statutes and Ordinances, available to view online

<http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/PublicDocuments>. The relevant sections are:

Statutes

Statute 5: The powers of the Principal

Statute 24: The powers of the Dean and the Principal

Ordinances

Ordinance 16: The Dean, powers of exclusion etc.

Ordinance 25: Student Appeals

Schedules

Schedule 4.1: Student Disciplinary Appeal Procedure

Schedule 5.5: The Advisory Committee to the Dean

Grants

Grants and funding are available to students for a variety of purposes and needs. Further information can be found on the [Financial Support](#) pages of the College website.

Equal Opportunities Policy

Homerton College is committed in its pursuit of academic excellence to equal opportunity and to an inclusive approach to equality, which supports and encourages all under-represented groups, promotes an inclusive culture and values diversity.

Mutual Respect Policies

Please visit the Homerton website for the most recent documents:

For staff: [HR policies and procedures](#)

Possession and Misuse of Drugs

The Alcohol and drugs policy statement for students is available on the College website: [Policies and Documents \(cam.ac.uk\)](#).

Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

The [Student Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) is available on the College website.