Introduction

Robinson College Information for Junior Members is your Handbook. It gives you essential practical information about the College for those who live and work here. You will need to refer to it from time to time – we all do – and it’s your responsibility to familiarise yourself with it, as it contains our rules and regulations as well as all the information you need about how things work, resources, support and so forth.

The Handbook is also available on the College website; to find it, go to Academic Life. For further information about the University rather than this College, it’s worth getting to know other useful sources of information such as the Cambridge University website (www.cam.ac.uk), your Department or Faculty website, Transkills: www.skills.cam.ac.uk/undergrads/ and a range of student websites.

As readers and users of this handbook, you are well placed to comment on it; your suggestions may be incorporated in future revisions of it. Please send comments and suggestions to the Senior Tutor’s Assistant (ks610@cam.ac.uk) in the Tutorial Office.

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Senior Tutor

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The College
Robinson College at present comprises the Warden and some 80 Fellows, about 205
graduate students and around 400 undergraduates of whom about 65 per cent are men
and 35 per cent are women. Professor A. D. Yates is the Warden of the College and is the
Chairman of the College Council and the Joint Liaison Committee (an important
consultative body of Fellows and students).

The Warden and Fellows constitute the Governing Body, the ultimate authority within
the College.

The College Council is responsible for making the decisions involved in the day-to-day
business of the College. The Council consists of the Warden, the Deputy Warden, the
Finance Bursar and the Senior Tutor ex officio, and twelve members of the Governing
Body elected in groups of four annually to hold office for three years. There are also
three student representatives on the College Council. The Members of the College
Council for 2018/2019 are listed in Appendix 1.

History of the College
The College owes its existence to a single benefactor, the late Sir David Robinson. He was
born in Cambridge in 1904. After attending the County School, he worked for some years
in his father’s bicycle shop; in 1930, however, he took over a garage in Bedford and soon
developed it into a large and prosperous firm. In the early fifties he was one of the first
to venture into the new television business. In 1954 he founded Robinson Rentals,
which thrived and became the basis of a considerable fortune. In 1966 he moved to
Newmarket, where he had already set up a highly successful racing stable.

Planning for a college began in 1973 when Trustees were appointed. As the result of a
limited competition organised by the RIBA, Gillespie, Kidd and Coia of Glasgow were
appointed design architects. The College received the 1983 award for architectural
excellence from the Royal Institute of British Architecture for buildings completed

Academic operations began modestly in two large houses on the College site,
Thorneycreek and 5 Adams Road, which are now student hostels; a small number of
graduate students joined the College in 1977; a few more followed in 1978; and in 1979
the first twenty undergraduates were admitted. A further 154 undergraduates entered
in October 1980. The College now has some 80 Fellows, teaching a wide range of
subjects, and over 600 junior members (i.e. undergraduate and graduate students).
Academic Life

Education
The University and the Colleges have different responsibilities for your education. Through its Faculties and Departments the University is responsible for the overall content and structure of courses, for setting and marking examinations, and providing lectures and classes, demonstrations and practicals, as well as laboratories and libraries.

The annual schedule of lectures can be accessed at https://www.timetable.cam.ac.uk/. The College provides supervisions, and, in College, the Director of Studies has responsibility within each subject for all academic matters.

Your Director of Studies arranges supervisions, gives you advice about your work, checks your examination entries, and monitors your academic progress. You will have meetings with your Director of Studies at the start and end of each term to discuss your work – at the end of term you will have reports from each of your supervisors (on CamCORS) which your Director of Studies will discuss with you; during the term, you can arrange to see your Director of Studies if you have any questions relating to your work.

For start and end of term meetings, there will be sign-up lists in the Porters’ Lodge, or your Director of Studies will contact you by email.

Meetings with Directors of Studies are frequently also held at the division of term (i.e. half-way through term), as regular discussion of your academic progress is an important aspect of your education.

Meetings with your Director of Studies at the start and end of every term are compulsory. A list of Directors of Studies is given under Appendix 2.

Supervisions are a distinctive feature of education at Cambridge (and Oxford), and are one of the most significant aspects of your education here. Supervisions are usually taught in pairs or in a group of three, and provide a regular opportunity for you to discuss your own work, usually on the basis of written work you have submitted before the supervision. As well as reading your work and discussing it with you, supervisors will advise you on reading, may discuss the content of your lecture courses with you, and may advise on essay technique and study skills. The effectiveness of supervisions relies on you being well prepared for them and being willing to explore ideas and contribute to discussion.

Supervisions are a costly privilege, and it is your responsibility to use them to the very best of your ability. If you cannot attend a supervision you must inform your supervisor in advance. If you miss supervisions without notice and without a good reason, you will be charged the cost of the missed supervision(s).

Graduate Students: your work is supervised by specialists within your own department but you may consult any of the relevant Directors of Studies or other Fellows on academic or other matters; you are also assigned a College Graduate Tutor. These points are covered more fully below on pages 20 & 21 in the section relating directly to graduate students.

Examinations
The principal University Tripos examinations are held during the Easter Term. Examination failure will normally lead the College Council to decide that a student shall not return into residence.
In cases of unsatisfactory performance, the College may at its discretion require that a student does not return into residence, either for a year or permanently. In such cases students have the right of appeal to the Council before a final decision is reached.

Admission to Degrees
The Praelector is Dr Jeremy Thurlow, whose main duty is to present candidates for admission to degrees in the University. Any enquiries should be made to the Tutorial Assistant/Praelector’s Secretary, Linda Hunns, in the Tutorial Office (between 8.30am and 1.30pm, weekdays, or by email: ljh65@cam.ac.uk).

Change of Subject
The Senior Tutor may allow you to change from the subject you were admitted to read to another, provided that you are qualified to do so, that you make the request early enough, and that there is space available.

Normally changes are made after at least one year’s study of your original subject. Changing to Medicine or Veterinary Medicine is not possible as numbers are strictly controlled by quota. (There are now graduate medical courses in Cambridge and elsewhere for those who wish to study Medicine but did not choose to do so initially).

After you have taken one part of one Tripos the Senior Tutor may also allow you subsequently to take another part of another Tripos provided the combination still leads to an Honours Degree and subject to similar provisos as for changing course. The University’s Statutes and Ordinances govern such changes and should always be consulted. Changes will sometimes be conditional on residence during the Long Vacation in order to prepare for the new subject. If you are thinking of changing subject, consult the Directors of Studies in both your present and potential subjects as early as possible and no later than the end of the Easter Term. You may well be asked to sit a written test in order for you to be carefully assessed for your proposed subject, and the potential Director of Studies is most likely to set a hurdle, such as requiring that you gain at least a II.1 in your current subject, before accepting you. There is a form for you to have signed by both your present and new Director of Studies, available from the Tutorial Office.

If you are contemplating a change of subject which requires an additional year’s study, it must be formally approved by the College, and the Student Loans Company must be notified through the College as soon as possible, if you are to qualify for an additional Student Loans Company’s contribution to tuition fees, and for an extra year of funding.

Dates of Terms
The academical year starts on the first day of October in each calendar year. It is divided into Michaelmas, Lent and Easter Terms. A small number of courses require students to return a few days before 1 October. The dates of the three terms in 2019/20 are:

- Michaelmas Term: 08 October to 06 December
- Lent Term: 14 January to 13 March
- Easter Term: 21 April to 12 June

Each of the Michaelmas and Lent Terms includes a period of about 60 days and the Easter Term a period of about 53 days called Full Term, during which officially arranged teaching takes place. The dates of Full Term vary from year to year, but the dates for 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 together with dates of Easter Day, are as follows:
### Residence Requirements

To be eligible for the BA degree all undergraduates are bound by the University Statutes to keep the equivalent of nine full terms by actual residence in Cambridge within the periods of whole terms. 'Keeping Term' involves being resident for 60 days (59 nights) in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms and for 53 days (52 nights) in the Easter Term.

Each night must be spent in official University accommodation (unless tutorial permission is obtained for other arrangements) within three miles of Great St Mary’s Church, which is the centre of the University. This is less complicated than it sounds: you satisfy the requirement by living in your College accommodation throughout Full Term. Undergraduates normally quite simply keep the Full Terms, but if you sleep out of Cambridge during your residence (as you may do by signing the Exeat Book in the Porters’ Lodge), you must make up the Full Term period by residing for extra nights. The College has to certify to the University that each undergraduate has kept each Term. Failure to keep Term can have serious consequences.

### Requirements for international students

Government regulations on non-UK and non-EU students bind the University and Colleges on matters such as visas and attendance requirements. International students are individually sent all the information they need about such regulations; if you are an international student and have any questions about what is required of you, in the first instance you should contact the Senior Tutor (senior.tutor@robinson.cam.ac.uk).

### Dates of residence

You may wish to reside in order to study before and after Full Term, but within Term, even if you have no nights to make up. You must, in any case, come into residence not later than the first day of each Full Term (Freshers come up earlier in the first Term for an induction programme, and to complete various formalities). You may not go down until your residence requirements have been met. Written permission to reside in College before the Saturday prior to the beginning of Full Term and after the second Saturday following the end of Full Term must be sought from the Senior Tutor’s Assistant.

**Vacation residence can never be guaranteed** and almost always involves moving into a room different from that occupied during Full Term, usually in one of the College hostels and not in the main building. Priority is always given to students who need to be in Cambridge for academic purposes and to overseas students. On the contrary, “it is inconvenient for parents/friends/flight” is a very low priority reason. **Please plan ahead!**
The precise times when you need written permission from the Senior Tutor's Assistant to be in residence for this academic year are: before Saturday 5 October 2019 and after Saturday 14 December 2019 (Full Term: 8 October to 6 December); before Saturday 11 January 2020 and after Saturday 21 March 2020 (Full Term: 14 January to 13 March); before Saturday 18 April 2020 and after Saturday 20 June 2020 (Full Term: 21 April to 12 June).

Unless you have permission to stay in College after term ends, you will need to vacate your room by 10.00am on the Saturday; failure to leave by this time may incur a charge.
Welfare and Health in College

The Tutorial system

The Senior Tutor, Dr David Woodman, has overall responsibility for the academic life of the College and the welfare of all its students. He must be consulted about change of subjects or any other change in academic course during your stay in College, or if you have problems that your Director of Studies or Tutor cannot resolve. If you want to see Dr Woodman, make an appointment through his Assistant, Keisha Sharp, whose office is on High Court, staircase V.

You are all assigned to one of the Fellows of the College as your Tutor. Each Tutor is primarily concerned with the personal welfare of their tutorial students and is available for advice on, and confidential discussion of, any subject relating to College life. Tutors are in the College at certain regular times during each week or may be contacted in their departments or, if necessary, at home.

The Tutorial Noticeboard is in the Porters’ Lodge; details of Tutors’ regular times for meetings with their students are also available on the College website. You are free to contact any of the Tutors (not just your own) for consultation on any issue.

You are all required to see your Tutor at the beginning of each term and before going out of residence at the end of term.

These meetings are important. If you fail to attend a required meeting, and don’t respond to follow-up emails, there is an automatic charge – and of course the meeting still to attend. If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of your dealings with the College, you should approach your Tutor in the first instance. The Tutors are listed under Appendix 3. Formal procedures for pursuing complaints which cannot be resolved informally are described in documents available from the Senior Tutor’s Office or the RCSA, and also on the College Policies pages of the College website (click on College Life). There is also a Women’s Tutor, whom any student is welcome to contact, and a Financial Tutor who is available to see those with financial queries or problems. It is very important that, if you have any kind of financial difficulty, you contact him and also your own Tutor; this will enable us to deal with difficulties before they become larger problems. For further information, see the Finance section of this handbook.

Throughout Term, a Duty Tutor is on call overnight and at weekends; you’ll find contact details on the Tutorial Noticeboard in the Porters’ Lodge.

Please ensure that we have your current contact details, and in particular, your mobile phone number, to ensure that we are able to work effectively with you and support you; there may well be times when it is essential that we can contact you without delay. It is your responsibility to ensure that your contact details are full and up-to-date on CamSIS (further information about this database is available elsewhere).

Chaplain

The College Chaplain is the Reverend Simon Perry. He is available for all members of the College, of any religious persuasion or none, to talk about any matter that concerns them, in confidence and off the record. He is also a minister for Christians in College; but, like your Tutor, the Chaplain is there for consultation by any student for any reason. His room is in Flat 1A, Herschel Court and his home is close to College so you can contact him at any time of day. For members of other faiths, the Chaplain is able to link you to chaplaincy services available in the University or city as appropriate.
Policy on Racial, Sexual & Religious Harassment

The College is committed to creating and maintaining a working, living and learning environment for students, staff and Fellows, free from all forms of discrimination, and to fostering mutual respect and consideration. The College will not tolerate racial, religious, sexual, and gender harassment, including abuse on the grounds of race, religion and sexuality. To help ensure that such behaviour has no place in the College, the College issues advice to all Fellows, staff and students on how to deal with behaviour of this sort. A copy of the College policy document is available in the JCR, from the Tutorial Office on request, or on the College Policies page of the College website.

While it is the case that interpretations of harassment differ, and that differences of attitude or culture and the misinterpretation of social signals can mean that what one person sees as harassment may not seem so to another, it is important to remember that harassment is a disciplinary offence under the College’s disciplinary regulations. The defining features of harassment are that the behaviour is intentionally or recklessly offensive or intimidating to, and unwanted by, the recipient or group of recipients, as assessed by normal standards of sensitivity.

All members of the College should therefore be sensitive to the feelings of others at all times. Complaints of harassment will be responded to sympathetically, thoroughly, and with all possible speed. The College will respect the particular sensitivity and confidentiality of such matters.

If you feel that you are being subjected to harassment you should not hesitate to seek advice from one of the following people: the Senior Tutor, the Chaplain, the College Nurse or the Women’s Tutor. They have received training in dealing with such situations. Or you may prefer to approach your personal Tutor.

The RCSA Welfare and Women’s Officers are also available to supply confidential advice. Whoever you approach, you will be advised on a further course of action. The RCSA and Women’s Officers will endeavour to resolve the matter informally, failing which they may take the matter further on your behalf, but only with your consent.

You should also read the College’s policy on appropriate relationships within the College setting (see the College website); policies such as these are designed for the well-being of all members of the College community, junior and senior members, and staff members, alike.

Discipline in the College

Any behaviour that infringes the College’s Code of Discipline (see Appendix 7a) will be referred to the Dean of Discipline who will decide what the appropriate penalty should be. Grave disciplinary offences – so serious as to possibly warrant that the student or students responsible be required to go out of residence temporarily or permanently – are referred to the College’s full Disciplinary Committee (see Appendix 7b for full disciplinary regulations).

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in virtually all of the College. Smoking is not allowed in any room in the College including bedrooms, nor is it allowed on any walkway, balcony, staircase or landing. Smoking is only allowed as follows:

- In the gardens
- In Front Court and Long Court between the hours of 8.00am and 11.00pm

See Appendix 6.10 for details of College Smoking Regulations.
Alcohol and Drugs

Moderate consumption of alcohol is an acceptable part of the communal life of the College. However, excessive drinking of alcohol poses a significant threat to health, in both the immediate and longer term; it also undermines your ability to work really effectively and to keep up with what is expected of students here, on fast-paced, very challenging courses. The College’s policy on the Use and Abuse of Alcohol is on the College website.

Any use of prohibited drugs also seriously damages health. The College therefore takes any case brought to its attention very seriously, and would treat offences committed under their influence severely. See the College’s Code of Discipline for details.

If we had reason to suspect that any of our members were involved in the manufacture or distribution of drugs, we would not hesitate to involve the police.

There are a number of sources of expert advice for anyone for whom dependency on drugs or alcohol is a problem. Your Tutor can provide confidential advice, and further information is given in the College’s policy, and also kept on the racks on the first floor of the College Library. The RCSA Welfare Officer and CUSU can also provide valuable and equally confidential advice. The CUSU website at: http://www.cusu.co.uk/what-we-do/publications provides useful guidance and links.

College Nurse

The College Nurse has a surgery in the Health Centre in Set 19, W staircase – times will be available on the website at the start of term. Appointments are available to book online https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/student-information-and-welfare/college-nurse

If you have any illness, health worries or just want to talk, she is here to help you. Out of surgery hours the College Nurse may be contacted by phone at home by the Duty Tutor, contact by the Duty Porter will be by email.

All Freshers must attend an essential Health Interview during which they complete a form to be registered with a Cambridge GP Practice. The Health Interviews with the College Nurse are by appointment during the first three weeks of the Michaelmas term. All information shared with College Nurse is confidential. Please remember to attend your College Nurse interview and bring your NHS card.

Allergies

All students are responsible for their own medication so please remember to have e.g. Epipens etc. for food allergies and inhalers for asthma - and of course do carry them with you at all times.

Please note: If you do have an allergy, we regard it as your responsibility to inform us; it is also your responsibility to ensure you have whatever medical treatment you need (such as an Epipen), and have been trained how to use it. We also regard it as your responsibility to inform us about chronic medical conditions and the treatment required; but unless it is essential for your own wellbeing that this information is known by members of the College and the College staff who work with you, such information will be confidential to the College Nurse.

If you plan to bring medication with you that requires to be stored under refrigerated conditions, please let us know in advance to your arrival through the Tutorial Office. We will endeavour to provide a fridge in your room or agree alternative arrangements with you.
Disposal of Needles and Sharps
We understand that some College Members may need to use Sharps from time to time, e.g. Insulin Pen Needles. We ask that you ensure that you dispose of these in such a way that our staff or other college users are not put at any risk. Your Doctor should have provided you with your own Sharps bin and given you advice on safe disposal of needles and sharps which you should follow. In the unlikely event that you do not yet have a Sharps disposal bin, please contact the Housekeeping Department or Porters Lodge. There is a purpose intended sharps disposal bin in both locations that is available for you to use. Please DO NOT dispose of sharps in bedroom bins or in any other bins around the College.

Doctors and Medical Help
All students are required to register with a Cambridge GP – this can be done through the Nurse at your Health Interview on arrival at College. Do visit the College Nurse during her surgery hours and she will help you do this. Please bring your NHS card if you are a UK student.

The porters may be able to provide first aid and/or arrange for transport to hospital if necessary. If you enter hospital under your own initiative then please make sure the Porters’ Lodge is informed, because it is a cause for concern and confusion when a student goes missing. If you feel unwell or are injured after daytime working hours, contact the porters who will help you get the appropriate medical attention.

Any injuries sustained in University or College premises, particularly laboratories, must be reported immediately to the appropriate authorities, and signed into the book kept for recording such accidents or that an accident form is completed. This is essential in case an action for damages is to be pursued successfully.

University Counselling Service
Tutors, the Chaplain, the College Nurse, and doctors are all accustomed to being consulted about personal problems. If you wish, any of these can direct you to other professional counsellors, psychiatrists or self-help groups. One such organisation is the professionally run and strictly confidential University Counselling Service (www.counselling.cam.ac.uk) which is free to students.

You can make your own appointment by telephoning 332865 (University Network 32865) or by calling at 2/3 Bene’t Place between 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday & Wednesday, 9.00am to 7.30pm, Tuesday & Thursday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Friday’s. It is not a psychiatric service, but the counsellors there are able to refer clients to the Department of Psychiatry at Addenbrooke’s Hospital or elsewhere if such help is needed.

There is also a student-run organisation, Linkline to help students who are worried, depressed, or want to talk to someone in confidence about a personal difficulty. Its telephone number University Network (7)44444 and it is staffed by students from 7.00pm to 7.00am nightly during term time.

Rape/Personal Safety Alarms are available from the Porters’ Lodge. No charge will be made though, alarms must be signed for. It is advisable to receive instruction in their effective use.
**Finance**

Cambridge Colleges receive their income from fees, from charges for accommodation and facilities to members and to outside users (conference delegates, etc.) and from investments in property, land and securities. In the case of Robinson, which has relatively small investments from its initial endowment, conferences in term and during the vacations are a particularly important source of income, and the College was built with specially designed facilities for this purpose. The high standard of our undergraduate accommodation is one consequence of this. The University itself is financed separately from fees, block Government grants and its own investments.

**Student Fees, Grants and Awards**

**Tuition Fees**

All students, whether undergraduate or graduate, are required to pay Tuition Fees for their course. For Home and EU undergraduates, the Tuition Fees for the academic year 2019/20 are capped at £9,250. To cover the cost of the Tuition Fees, all Home and EU undergraduates may receive a loan from the Student Loan Company (SLC) (or appropriate agency for students from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), which carries interest but is only repayable after graduation. Repayments are compulsory only in respect of a fixed percentage (currently 9%) of earnings above £25,000 pa (£18,935 for students from Scotland and Northern Ireland), and any balance still outstanding after 30 years (25 years for students from Northern Ireland and 35 years for students from Scotland) will be written off.

The SLC and its fellow agencies pays the Tuition Fee loan direct to the College but also issues a Financial Notification to each student qualifying for a Tuition Fee Loan. This document should be brought to the College Office, even if you are not taking up the Tuition Fee Loan, since it provides confirmation to the College that you qualify as a Home or EU undergraduate.

Students reading Medicine should ensure that they have applied for funding to the SLC to cover six years of study. Other students reading courses that may require four years of study must ensure that the SLC has accepted their application for Tuition Fee funding on the basis of the correct length of course.

Undergraduates who do not qualify as Home or EU students (normally termed Overseas/Islands students) pay tuition fees to the University that vary by subject and are also required to pay a College Fee, which has been set at £9,000 for the academic year 2019/20.

Post-graduate students pay a University Composition Fee that varies by status (Home/EU or Overseas) as well as by subject and degree to be gained. No College Fee is payable and the level of the University Composition Fee is guaranteed not to change for the duration of the course.

Overseas students who do not have a Tuition Fee Loan and have not agreed other arrangements with the College are required to pay their fees directly to the College immediately on arrival in Cambridge in October at the beginning of each academic year. Any alterations to payment arrangements will need to be discussed, by appointment, in the College office.
Living Costs
All students will, of course, also have to meet the costs of living at university. These costs (food, accommodation, travel, clothes, course expenses etc) vary from person to person but for a Home undergraduate the College considers that £9,420 is an appropriate sum to have available for the three terms of the Cambridge academic year. Those studying some subjects, e.g. architecture, may need more while others with less demanding studies may manage on less.

Home students from England starting their course in October 2016 or later are not eligible for a Maintenance Grant. However, the Maintenance Loan available without means-testing is £4,168 and additional sums are available depending on household income up to a maximum loan of £8,944.

The Maintenance Loans are repayable on the same terms as the Tuition Fee Loan. The arrangements for students from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can be found at the websites for the relevant student finance agencies in those countries.

International including EU undergraduates can expect to spend more, especially if vacations are spent in Cambridge rather than returning home. International including EU undergraduates are not eligible for any maintenance funding from the UK government or the devolved administrations and must make their own arrangements to meet their living costs.

The living costs for graduates are still greater, with a need for accommodation for a full 12 months and, often, additional costs arising from the subject being studied. The University provides a calculator to help graduates estimate how much they may need for living costs which can be found at http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance.

College Office
The College Office is the college's accounts department and deals with all accounting matters including students’ college bills, student loans, grants, etc. The office is located just off Long Court.

College Bills
Membership Deposit
A Robinson membership deposit is chargeable to all students before arrival in the first year. It currently stands at £250 and this amount will remain on your account until you have completed all your studies at the College. It is not a deposit against residence charges. If at the end of your studies you owe no money to the College the Membership Deposit will be returned to you in full.

Bills for accommodation, tuition fees and other charges are issued halfway through each term and must be paid within 10 days. In the case of overseas and graduate students fees and accommodation are payable on arrival. Interest will be charged on overdue accounts unless your Tutor recommends otherwise to the Financial Tutor. A final bill will be issued shortly before graduation and the College will not present you at General Admission for a degree unless your account has been settled in full.

Delayed payment of any account for fees, Residence Charge or other charges, will incur an immediate late payment charge of £10 plus interest unless prior agreement to the contrary is reached with the College authorities, who are very sympathetic to cases of genuine hardship.
The College reserves the right, after consideration of the circumstances of the matter, to decline to present for any degree, diploma or other qualification any member who is in debt to the College.

The circumstances that the College will consider include the nature (academic or non-academic) of the debt; its size; the reason for non-payment; the reasonable practicability of its payment by the student, or on his or her behalf; the likely damage to the student from non-presentation; the likely efficacy of alternative, less damaging sanctions. The College will afford the student the opportunity of commenting on those matters before reaching its decision.

Financial Assistance

It is inevitable that some students will experience financial difficulties at some stage. The Financial Tutor is available to discuss financial problems with any member of the College. There are a number of ways in which he may be able to help.

Bursaries

The Cambridge Bursary Scheme offers bursaries each year across the University to Home and EU undergraduates with limited resources. The value of each bursary is calculated on a sliding scale depending on household income up to a maximum award of £3,500 pa (£5,600 pa for students considered “independent”). The Scheme is administered by the Student Loan Company on behalf of the University and is evaluated as part of the application for a Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loan. See [http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/cambridgebursary/index.html](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/cambridgebursary/index.html) for full details.

The College itself also awards a number of bursaries, open to both undergraduates and graduates, in the Lent Term. If you wish to apply for one, application forms will be available early in the Lent Term; but you should ensure first that you consult your own Tutor, preferably before the end of the Michaelmas Term. The College also has a number of funds available which are outlined as follows:

Financial Assistance Fund

Each year the College Council provides some money for a Financial Assistance Fund to enable grants or loans to be made available to students, whether graduate or undergraduate, who are in financial difficulties for reasons beyond their control. The Fund is administered by the Financial Tutor and is able to address financial crisis issues as well as hardship of a more ongoing nature.

Before applying for such help, you should normally see your Tutor first to establish the scale of the problem and to explore possible solutions. Your Tutor may then refer you to the Financial Tutor. He would not normally expect to seek information about the detailed financial circumstances of your parents, although some reference to their position may be unavoidable because of the effect on your own situation. Assistance from the College may consist of one or more cash grants, or take the form of an interest-free loan.

Other Funds

Applications may also be made to the Student Activities Fund (managed by the Senior Tutor and the Financial Tutor) which makes grants for academic or sporting purposes. Grants may also be available from the Friends of the College Fund towards the cost of other activities. Initial enquiries should be made to the Financial Tutor.

It might be said, somewhat loosely, that the Student Activities Fund is for ‘luxuries’ and the Financial Assistance Fund for ‘necessities’ or (in certain circumstances) the relief of debt.
Book & Equipment Loan Scheme
If there is a book which you need to consult so often that a copy borrowed from the Library will not be enough, and/or there is specialist equipment needed for your course, you may apply for a grant under the College Book & Equipment Loan Scheme. The College will pay for the book and/or equipment, for your exclusive use until you no longer need it, or graduate - whichever is the sooner. Application forms may be downloaded from the College website. Currently grants are available for up to £75 per year for books and up to £75 per year for equipment.

Funds for Specific Courses
The College has some funds available to assist with the costs of specific course requirements, e.g. the Isi Metzstein Fund for architecture, the Chaffield Shaw Medical Support Fund for clinical medics etc. Details of these funds and how to apply are available on the College website and from the relevant Directors of Studies.

The Finance Committee will occasionally consider applications from College clubs and societies for financial assistance with more ambitious projects.

The Cambridge teaching term is shorter than in most universities, and it is correspondingly more intensive. Undergraduates are therefore not normally permitted to take paid employment outside the College during term, except under exceptional circumstances and with the prior written consent of the Senior Tutor. If paid work seems the only solution to your financial difficulties, you are highly likely to be eligible for some of the help outlined above.

If you have any financial problems, discuss them with your Tutor or the Financial Tutor without delay.

Scholarships and Prizes

College Awards
Undergraduates who excel in Tripos examinations may be elected to Scholarships during their residence or, in their final year, to titular awards. All such awards are normally tenable for one year but are renewable.

The College Council may award College Prizes, currently of £50, to students who gain Firsts in their Tripos examinations, and for meritorious performance in particular subjects.

The College also offers two annual prizes, awarded on the basis of a proposal for travel in the form of an essay. You will be notified of the competition in good time; the closing date is at the start of the Easter Term. You will also be sent information about other competitive College awards and bursaries, such as the Hugh Paton-J P Morgan Bursary, the Fred Boyne Sporting Achievement Award and the Irène Némirovsky Memorial Award, in due course.

University Awards
The University offers prizes and scholarships for compositions, reading, or examination performance. Please consult your Director of Studies for further details.
Student Experience

The Students' Association

All resident junior members *in statu pupillari* at Robinson College are automatically members of the RCSA (Robinson College Students' Association) unless they exercise their right to opt out\(^1\). The RCSA incorporates both Undergraduate and Graduate students the latter also being members of the Middle Combination Room (MCR).

On a day to day basis the RCSA is run by a committee of 21 elected students but it holds regular Open meetings (8 spread throughout the year) at which all members of the RCSA (excluding non-affiliates) are entitled to speak and vote. Members are encouraged to put forward motions regarding RCSA policy or the allocation of funds to ensure that the RCSA is representing the needs and wishes of students. A list of the RCSA committee can be found here: [http://www.rcsa.co.uk/committee](http://www.rcsa.co.uk/committee).

The RCSA has a budget of about £35,000 per year that is predominantly used to support college clubs and societies with the rest being spent on other activities such as welfare events, buying and replacing RCSA equipment, affiliations and running the RCSA. For expenditure agreed by Open Meetings or in the dedicated Budget Meeting students can either send invoices directly to the RCSA treasurer or be reimbursed on presenting a valid receipt.

The RCSA is currently directly affiliated to CUSU (Cambridge University Students' Union) through which it is indirectly affiliated to NUS (National Union of Students). Both these organisations offer useful facilities, services and information in return for an affiliation subscription. In a similar manner to the RCSA individual students are automatically members of CUSU but have the right to opt out if desired\(^2\). The RCSA votes on whether to maintain its collective affiliation status or hold a referendum on disaffiliating/re-affiliating each year to ensure that its affiliation status reflects the views of current students.

The RCSA provides the main means of communication, negotiation and consultation between the Fellows and the students. Members of the RCSA represent students on several committees, dealing with everything from Admissions and Access to the college’s Environmental Policy. The Presidents of the RCSA and MCR, and a third independently elected student are also members of the College Council, which is responsible for decisions governing the day-to-day running of the College.

One of the RCSA’s main aims is to advance the welfare and security of its members. The Welfare sub-committee makes up one third of the RCSA committee roles. All students are encouraged to take advantage of the Welfare sub-committee to make their time in Cambridge as easy and enjoyable as possible. The team offer advice and can speed up the process of getting support by signposting students directly to where the most effective help is available.

Committee elections for the RCSA take place annually in the Michaelmas Term and are open to all students. A list of the current committee is attached at Appendix 10 and more information about the roles of specific officers can be found on the RCSA website ([http://www.rcsa.co.uk](http://www.rcsa.co.uk)).

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\(^1\) Under the provisions of the Education Act 1994, procedures must exist to allow students to opt out of their Student Unions. Further details on how to opt out of the RCSA are available from the RCSA Secretary. Opted out students (called ‘non-affiliates’) forfeit their right to stand for election to the RCSA Committee and to vote in the RCSA Committee Elections or Open Meetings, but retain access to all other RCSA facilities and services.

\(^2\) Students are also able to opt out of CUSU membership as individuals under the provisions of the Education Act 1994. Individual students are members of CUSU regardless of whether the RCSA is affiliated to CUSU at the time.
Student Facilities in College

The Junior Combination Room (JCR), next to the Red Brick Café Bar, is a common room open to all students. It is comfortably furnished with several sofas and armchairs. There is also a large television and pool table. The JCR is open for students to use until 1:30am each evening. An additional common room, the Middle Combination Room (MCR), is available for the use of graduate students and is located above the Linnett Room.

The Red Brick Café Bar (RBCB) is open from 9:30am during the week and from 11am on weekends. It sells coffee, tea, soft drinks, rolls and snacks as well as competitively priced beer, wine and spirits. The RBCB screens various sporting events and runs regular Open Mic and quiz nights for student entertainment.

The TV Room, which is off the Bin Brook Concourse, also has a television. This television can be used for watching TV. The consoles of the College Video Games society are stored in the TV Room and are available for students to use.

The Party Room (bop room) is in the basement near the service yard. It has a dance floor and a small bar (run by students with the permission of the College Steward under the supervision of the staff from the Red Brick Café Bar). The Party Room is equipped with a dedicated sound system and discos (bops) are organised regularly within Full Term by the RCSA Ents team. Students can book the Party Room for events through contacting the Conference & Catering office. Events held in the Party Room always require tutorial permission from the Senior Tutor and appropriate levels of stewarding.

J8 is a large room with an adjacent kitchen on J staircase that is available through the Conference & Catering office for holding parties and events. The College Baking Society regularly uses J8 for their meetings.

The Games Room is located on G staircase with windows looking out onto front court. It is used to run various sessions and classes which have historically included CUTAZZ Tap and Jazz, Welfare Arts & Crafts and Yoga. There is also a table tennis table available from time to time.

There are sound-proofed music rooms at the end of High Court which may be used for practice and rehearsals by individuals and groups of instrumentalists. The rooms can be booked free of charge by students and the keys are available from the Porters' Lodge.

The Dark Room on K-staircase is open to members of the Photographic Society and contains equipment for producing both colour as well as black and white film prints.

The Computer Room is located above the Porter's Lodge and contains several PC's running both Linux or Windows connected to the Universities MCS system. Printing, scanning and photocopying facilities are available from these computers for a small charge.

Laundry facilities are available for student use in the main laundrette below the Porter's Lodge and in a smaller laundrette adjacent to 4 Adams road. Both have washing machines and driers operated through a card system run by WashStation, an external laundry contractor.

The Trunk Room is located below the Porter's Lodge in the staff Car Park. Storage in the College is very limited and if you live in the UK you should plan to take everything home.
The Head Porter is responsible for managing the Trunk Room and rules for its use have been circulated by the RCSA President. Please refer to the rules which state that **UK based students are permitted to leave one item of luggage, and International students and UK students travelling home by bus, plane or train may leave an additional item.**

- Access to the Trunk Room will be restricted to specific times and dates, and monitored by a Duty Porter. The times will be circulated by the Head Porter and access will not be available outside of those periods.
- Storage will only be accepted in the following containers – Trunks, suitcases and sealed boxes. Soft bags and carrier bags will not be permitted. Fridges may not be stored in the Trunk Room.
- Every item MUST have a label provided by the Porters’ Lodge identifying your name and removal date. Failure to remove the item by that date will incur an administration charge of £20.00 to your College account. If the item is not subsequently removed following three requests over a 4 week period, **disposal will be arranged**

**College Clubs and Societies**

There are a wide range of clubs and societies in college, in Freshers’ Week the RCSA runs a college societies fair where students can find out about which societies exist and sign up to any societies of interest. New clubs are being started all the time and you are encouraged to start up a club if there is not already one catering for your interest. If you need financial help to setup or run a club or society funding may be available through the RCSA. Contact the RCSA Sports and Societies officer or check the RCSA website ([http://www.rcsa.co.uk/societies](http://www.rcsa.co.uk/societies)) if you have any queries about the societies in college or how to set up a new one.

**College Sport**

Sporting activities take place at Cambridge at both College and University level. The Colleges provide facilities for their members to be able to take part in field games (cricket, football, hockey, rugby, netball, etc.) and rowing with matches and competitions allowing teams to compete regularly against other Colleges.

Robinson shares a sports ground with Queens’, King’s & Selwyn Colleges on Barton Road. The ground has two soccer pitches, two rugby pitches and two hockey pitches. Grass tennis courts are available in the summer, and three hard tennis courts and a netball court are available throughout the year.

Rowing takes place on the River Cam, about a mile downstream of the Backs. As in the case of playing fields, Colleges own or share boathouses where their boats are stored and changing facilities are provided. Robinson shares boathouse facilities with Lady Margaret Boat Club (St John’s).

The College has a partnership with the University of Cambridge Sports Centre to offer Robinson first time members a significant discount (funded by both the College and the Sports Centre) on various membership options. These are set out in a flier which is displayed at the end of this handbook. The centre is situated on Philippa Fawcett Drive, just 5 minutes cycle ride from College and offers great facilities including a gym, strength and conditioning room, badminton courts, squash courts, fives court, fitness classes and personal programmes. For more information, please visit [https://www.sport.cam.ac.uk/facilities](https://www.sport.cam.ac.uk/facilities).

Because of the comparative shortness of University Terms, the first matches are usually held very shortly after the beginning of term. Anyone wishing to be considered for a
College team should notify the Captain of the sport concerned as soon as possible, ideally at the college societies fair. A list of Captains’ names and email addresses (CRSids) is available on the RCSA website.

There are competitions between Colleges for both team and individual sports. Generally, these consist of leagues and/or Cuppers (knock-out) competitions. In the case of rowing, the main College competitions are the Fairbairn Races (Michaelmas Term), the Lent Races (Lent Term), and the May Races (which take place in June).

**Sister College Varsity**
Robinson College, Cambridge is the sister college of St Catherine’s College, Oxford. In recent years, the RCSA has sought to organise a sister college varsity with St Catherine’s in Lent term alternating between Cambridge and Oxford. Teams for various sports from the two colleges compete in a day of friendly fixtures before enjoying a formal hall together in the evening.

**The Brickhouse Theatre Company**
The Brickhouse Theatre Company (BTC) is run by students of Robinson allowing budding actors, directions and technical crew to stage productions in the 200-seat college auditorium. BTC runs several productions each term and stages the summer Shakespeare festival in the Maria Bjöernson outdoor theatre. A subset of the society, Brickhouse Comedy, runs regular stand-up comedy nights in the Red Brick Café Bar. More information about the BTC is available on their website ([http://brickhouse.soc.srcf.net/](http://brickhouse.soc.srcf.net/)).

**The Record Library**
The RCSA owns a collection of over 750 CD’s and DVD’s that are available for students to borrow. The collection includes both classical and popular music and well as TV shows and films.

**The May Ball**
Robinson traditionally holds a May Ball on the last day of exams in Easter term. The Ball is entirely organised by students and provides a variety of entertainment alongside unlimited supplies of food and drink allowing students to have some fun at the end of the academic year.

The Robinson May Ball committee is conscious that such balls can be quite expensive and has always tried to keep ticket prices to a minimum ensuring prices are between 30-45% cheaper than other at other colleges. Students can earn tickets to the May Ball by volunteering as part of the student organising committee. Students often offset the costs of attending May Balls by working at others, many offer half on half off schemes where attendees work for half the ball and attend the other half for free or at a reduced cost.

**Sexual Health Supplies**
The RCSA runs signup sessions for the C-Card service that provides sexual health supplies to young people under the age of 25 free of charge. This is a highly recommended and easy to use service.

Emergency sexual health supplies are available from the welfare cupboard adjacent to the library toilets, this cupboard is restocked regularly but has a limited stock.

There are contraceptive vending machines in the men’s and women’s toilets between the JCR and the RBCB.
University Clubs and Societies
There are University-wide Clubs and Societies covering a wide range of activities these include sports, social and dining clubs, debating societies, music and singing, various sorts of dancing, literary societies, railways and model railways, all shades of political clubs and societies, religious activities and so on.

A good way to obtain information about University-wide clubs and societies is to visit the Societies Fair which is held on Parker's Piece and in the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre right at the start of the Michaelmas Term but don’t worry if you don’t have time to find out about societies right at the start; you can join at any time throughout the year and information is available all year round on the CUSU’s website (http://www.cusu.co.uk/groups).

The Societies Fair consists of several hundred stalls where members of the University, mainly undergraduates, provide information about the clubs and societies which they represent and membership forms for those who wish to join. Visiting the Societies Fair and signing up for too many clubs in an inevitable part of fresher’s week but don’t worry - even as a member of a society you are under no obligation to attend events.

University Sport
At University level a much wider range of sporting activities are available in sports where it is not possible for the college to provide facilities (sailing, swimming, judo, etc). University teams compete nationally against other universities as part of BUCS or other competitions.

If you want to get involved in university sport be proactive, joining the appropriate University club is the best place to start. Don’t be bashful about putting your name forward, most people spend only three years at Cambridge and so it’s best to get out there and get involved as early as possible. Trials often take place within the first few weeks of Michaelmas term from which students might be selected for University teams.

Blues or Half-Blues are awarded to men and women who represent the University in a first team varsity match against Oxford in qualifying sports and may be awarded discretionally for sporting excellence in sports without varsity matches.
Graduates at Robinson College

Robinson offers a friendly and welcoming environment for all graduate students, whether they are new to Cambridge or are existing members of the College. There are currently about 200 graduate students in the College, about half of whom are studying for a PhD; the remainder are studying for a wide range of degrees, including MPhils, LL.M.s, PGCE, Part III Maths (MMath) or the Clinical Course in Medicine or Veterinary Medicine.

All graduate students at Robinson are automatically members of the Middle Combination Room (MCR). The day-to-day affairs of the MCR are run by the MCR Committee, which is elected annually in November from among the graduate community in College. A list of the Committee members, their roles and email addresses can be found on the MCR website: http://mcr.robinson.cam.ac.uk/.

The Middle Combination Room (also called the MCR, but here denoting the physical room rather than the society), is located at the top of the steps above the Linnett Room, off Long Court next to the Chapel. Graduate students can activate their blue University Card for access in the Porters' Lodge. The room is a place to relax, work, discuss or simply have fun. Among other things, it has a kitchen with a coffee maker, kettle, microwave and fridge, a widescreen TV, a large DVD library, table football, computers, printer, a selection of board games and a Playstation 4, all for the use of MCR members. Biscuits, tea, coffee and fruit are also provided for members.

Graduates are also members of the Robinson College Student Association (RCSA), and can use the many facilities open to all RCSA members. This includes membership of the clubs and societies supported by the RCSA and numerous sports teams. All other facilities for students of the College are, of course, also open to graduate students including the Garden Restaurant (cafeteria) and the Red Brick Café Bar.

The MCR Committee organises various events throughout the year, of which the most important are the MCR dinners. These are formal meals which are provided free to all Robinson graduates with three being held each term. One is typically a standard Formal Hall on a midweek night (BA Hall), one is a joint dinner with the Fellows (MCR-SCR Hall) and one is a more informal meal usually on a Saturday night where we invite graduates from other colleges to dine with us and is followed by a bop (Cambridge term for a disco/club night) in the College Party Room (Saturday Hall). Other events include weekly graduate dinners in the Garden Restaurant (during term time), weekly film nights, Formal Hall exchanges with other colleges, MCR Happy Hour on Fridays where free beer and soft drinks are provided, plus seasonal events such as Christmas parties, punting and summer garden parties.

In the first week of the academic year (known as Freshers’ Week), the MCR committee organises a whole host of events to give new members a chance to get to know Cambridge, the College and their peers. Every new graduate student is cordially invited to attend as many of these events as possible.

The MCR Committee will usually be able to answer any questions you may have, but there are various other people who can help, most importantly the Graduate Tutors see Appendix 3; students are allocated a Graduate Tutor and should make contact with their Tutor on arrival in Cambridge.

Financial matters may also be discussed with the Financial Tutor, although your Graduate Tutor should be approached in the first instance.
It is hoped that graduates contribute to the intellectual community of the College through their research or taught programmes. To this end, the MCR Academic Affairs Officer and the Graduate Tutors organise two research days per academic year (typically in February and May) at which students and Fellows give short talks about aspects of their research in an informal and friendly setting.

All graduate students are entitled to claim up to £250 per financial year (1st July to 30th June) for assistance with expenses incurred for academic research or study not covered by other grants.

The range of permissible expenses is quite wide and can include financial support for attendance at academic conferences and symposia, travel expenses, binding and printing costs for theses. Application forms can be obtained from the Senior Tutor’s Assistant, Mrs Keisha Sharp.

Meals are available in the Garden Restaurant, although outside Full Term, catering and bar facilities in College may be reduced. The Garden Restaurant and Red Brick Cafe occasionally close down completely for short periods – check the catering website for details of opening hours outside term time. Robinson can usually offer accommodation to all single graduate students for up to three years of study. Graduate accommodation is available in Thorneycreek, Thorneycreek Cottage, 2 Sylvester Road, 3 Sylvester Road, 3A Sylvester Road and 3B Sylvester Road. First-year students will automatically be allocated accommodation by the College. In later years, students select their accommodation through a ballot organised by the MCR Vice-President and held in the Lent term. The College can house up to two couples in two flats in 1A Sylvester Road, though there are NO College crèche facilities and no accommodation for students with children. We are however part of the Colleges Childcare Bursary Scheme.

If you have to find accommodation out of College, the Accommodation Service http://www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk/ in Kellet Lodge, Tennis Court Road is a good place to start. Other sources of information are the daily Cambridge News, the Graduate Union and University Centre noticeboards, the MCR Committee and friends in your department. It is also possible that College graduate rooms may become free during the year; you should let the Senior Tutor’s Assistant know if you are interested in a room and she will contact you should one become available.

All graduates are members of the University Graduate Union (GU), which represents and supports graduates at the University both in terms of dealing with the authorities and in practical terms with the sale of rail and student cards, stationery and thesis binding. The GU is situated on the Old Press Site, at 17 Mill Lane, where there is a café, information and resources for graduates. More information can be found on their website; http://www.gradunion.cam.ac.uk/. All graduates are also members of the Cambridge University Students Union (CUSU).

The University Centre (by the river, round the corner from Mill Lane) provides a central meeting place and a variety of other facilities for all University graduates. Catering services are provided at the Main Dining Hall, Grads Cafe and Granta Lounge, all of which are open all year around.
College Administration
Fire and Security

Fire
There are fire extinguishers on each staircase and fire blankets in the staircase kitchens. Misuse of the fire equipment causes danger to life. OFFENDERS WILL BE CHARGED £250.00 AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE COLLEGE. Please familiarise yourself with the procedures to follow in case of fire; these are placed in every room.

Fire Doors are required by regulations to restrict the spread of fire, in order to allow people to evacuate to a safe place. Fire doors MUST NOT be propped open for any reason, and must remain closed when not in use.

The use of candles or similar unprotected flame hazard is expressly forbidden. Every staircase in the main building has two kitchens, each of which is shared by between seven and ten students. Only limited cooking facilities are available in the staircase kitchens because of fire risk and restricted ventilation. Fire safety is a major issue in the College, particularly in the staircase kitchens, and we require you to take this very seriously. Unattended cooking and excessive steam and/or smoke may trigger the fire alarms.

It is your responsibility when cooking to do all that is reasonably possible to avoid the fire alarms going off; if a fire alarm goes off and you could have prevented this by cooking more carefully, then disciplinary measures may be taken. Cooking is not allowed in your room. Please refer to Appendix 6 Section 4(ii) for further information in respect of cooking equipment.

Smoking
Smoking is prohibited in virtually all of the College. Smoking is not allowed in any room in the College including bedrooms, nor is it allowed on any walkway, balcony, staircase or landing. Smoking is only allowed in the gardens and in Front Court and Long Court between the hours of 8.00am and 11.00pm. See Appendix 6.10 for details of College Smoking Regulations.

Gates and keys
The main gate is locked at midnight, but the Porters’ Lodge can be used for access until 2.00am. The cycle sheds are both locked at midnight and the Bin Brook ramp gate is locked at 8.00pm. After 2.00am students can gain access to the College by ringing the bell at the main gate or by using the small gate with a combination lock. If you expect to return to College late, check the current setting for the lock before you leave: the Porters Lodge is staffed twenty-four hours a day. Access may be more restricted during examinations and outside Full Term. You are issued with keys to your room and to your staircase kitchen. There have been a number of thefts from kitchens so they should be kept locked. Theft is a problem for all Colleges, so you are also strongly advised to lock your room and windows whenever you are out and also at night. Room keys must be returned to the Porters’ Lodge at the end of each Term, and other keys at the end of the year. See Appendix 6.4(vii) for details of regulations concerning room keys.
**Porters’ Lodge**

The Porters Lodge will be your first port of call not just when you arrive but probably on a daily basis. The department is staffed all day every day and this is where you should come if you have a query, concern, an accident or injury or you just need to check something. The Lodge is situated at the top of the main entrance ramp on the corner of Grange and Herschel Roads. Areas of responsibility for the Porters are wide and various and include, arrival and departure routines, security, fire prevention, mail, and telephones. More details are shown below.

**Mail**

Mail is placed in pigeon-holes in the Porters’ Lodge. Mail should be addressed to the recipient at Robinson College, Cambridge, CB3 9AN. There is a post box in Grange Road at the end of Burrell’s Walk. Collection times: weekdays 17.30pm Saturday 12.45pm. Unstamped mail for other colleges may be placed in the inter-college post tray in the Porters’ Lodge, but this service cannot be relied upon either for speed or delivery.

**Bicycles**

All students’ bicycles must be marked with the numbers allocated by the College. These numbers assist the Police in searching for the many bicycles which are stolen each year. Forms on which to make a description of each bicycle and to record details such as the frame number will be available to Freshers; these forms facilitate reporting thefts to the Police.

Insurance of any bicycle in good condition is essential because the chances of recovery in case of loss or theft are remote. There are bicycle stores underneath the Chapel and underneath the Bin Brook Concourse and at various hostels around the College estate. In addition, there are racks by the entrance to the Chapel Store. Bicycles must be placed in the racks or stores provided and must not be placed elsewhere within the Main College Building or in its near vicinity, or else they will be impounded and not released without payment of a charge. It is a criminal offence, punishable by a charge not exceeding £50, to borrow a bicycle without the owner’s consent. Cambridge Police are particularly vigilant in administering the law concerning bicycles, especially regarding brakes and lights, one-way travel and cycling within the City Centre pedestrian precinct, so you are well-advised to maintain your bicycle in a safe condition and obey the Highway Code, not least because the charge for a first offence is usually £15. In general, it is not a good idea to bring an expensive bicycle to Cambridge; professional thieves operate in the city and the life expectancy of an expensive bicycle is uncomfortably short.

**Launderettes**

There are two launderettes in College – the main one beneath the Porters’ Lodge (basement level on Teaching Room staircase) and the second one adjacent to 4 Adams Road. Both have washing machines and driers operated through a card system by our laundry contractor WashStation. Please collect a card from the Porters Lodge (you will be required to pay at £5.00 deposit). Once you have your laundry card please log onto: www.washstation.co.uk and press “top up your card”. Detailed instructions are available in the launderettes or contact the College Steward for a manual. Faults or difficulties with the system should be reported to WashStation through the student helpline on 0800 141 2331 or email to service@washstation.co.uk.

Irons may be borrowed from the Porters’ Lodge.
Taxis
The Porters will arrange for taxis to be ordered for junior members who are in physical discomfort, or who have to travel some distance late in the evening. Where the need arises from a medical condition and the costs create a financial problem, consult your Tutor and the College Nurse, for the College may well make a contribution, if the need is approved by the Nurse.

Guest Rooms
There are four guest rooms, K1, Q3, R2 & R6 each containing twin beds, which you may book at the Porters’ Lodge for your guests at a charge of £42.50 single and £67.00 double (including VAT) per room per night.

Telephones
The College telephone number is Cambridge (01223) 339100, but friends and relatives may also dial other numbers to contact junior members:

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These numbers are part of the University Network, which connects most Colleges and Departments independently of British Telecom. Calls within the University Network are free of charge to users. Directories are published at the beginning of each academic year, and it is worth making a note of the University Network numbers of, say, your supervisors, Tutor and Director of Studies, as well as their email addresses.

To dial a University Network number from an internal telephone, drop the first digit (usually 3 or 7) and dial the final 5 numbers only.

Information and Communication
Please get into the habit of checking your email regularly, as important information is frequently communicated to you this way.

Notices are posted on boards or screens in several areas of the College. The Tutorial Noticeboard is located in the Porters’ Lodge and sports notices are posted on screens outside next to the main gate. College circulars are periodically issued to each member explaining immediate matters of concern. There are also noticeboards outside the JCR, mainly for scholarships and (in the Easter Term) examination information, and inside the JCR for all unofficial notices. Current Proctorial notices are displayed on the noticeboard at the entrance to the JCR. Under its legal responsibilities, the College reserves the right to withdraw any poster or other display published on noticeboards and/or websites or other media where the College believes that the material may be offensive, derogatory, defamatory or likely to cause incitement to disaffection or that the College principles under its Freedom of Speech policy may be compromised.

Indiscriminate posting of notices in the town has caused the City authorities to ask colleges to discourage this malpractice and it has been banned by Proctorial Edict. (Proctors are the University “police”).
Accommodation

Living Out
- All undergraduate students are currently provided with a College room.
- Occupancy Agreements cover the three terms of the academic year. There is normally no remission of charges for periods of absence during term time.
- The Senior Tutor’s permission is required to live out as an undergraduate during term time.
- If permission is granted, one full term's notice for vacating your College room is required. Note: Permission to live out in the Michaelmas term must be received before the start of the Long Vacation term.
- The notice must be given in writing to the Senior Tutor's Assistant, either by letter or by email (ks610@cam.ac.uk).
- The notice will be acknowledged and the College Office informed of it by the Senior Tutor's Assistant.
- When insufficient notice is given, the College reserves the right to make a charge equivalent to the Residence Charge for period in lieu of notice.

Living In
Undergraduates normally live in College accommodation, although, after your first year, this may not be located at the main College site, or you may choose to live in privately rented accommodation. All members living in accommodation not owned by the College are required to keep the College informed of their address.

A ballot is run by the RCSA and/or MCR in the Lent Term for the allocation of rooms for the next year.

College rooms
The College has signed up to the ANUK National Code for the provision of student accommodation. This provides for minimum standards to be achieved in respect of letting policies and administration; accommodation quality, cleaning and maintenance; support facilities including laundry and mail handling; fire safety, security and electrical/gas appliance management; sustainability measures; disputes and complaints processes. For more information, please contact the College Steward or visit http://nationalcode.org.

The Residence Charge
These are total residence charges which include rent, energy, water, IT and domestic services. There is no additional kitchen fixed charge, there are no additional charges for utilities and there is no charge for normal levels of internet use (although there are download limits in place on the network in order to safeguard its operation).
For Undergraduates, the termly Residence Charge covers a period of up to ten weeks in Term. The termly charges are arrived at by spreading the total annual charge equally across the three terms. They are fixed for the first 3 years (9 terms). Changing room type will, of course, change cost.
For Graduates, the termly Residence Charge covers 13 weeks for the first three terms (Michaelmas, Lent & Easter) and 11 weeks of the long vacation.
Vacation accommodation
A vacation charge is payable for early arrival or late departure, i.e. after the end of ten weeks or at the end of University Term, whichever is the earlier. Outside term any student permitted to stay in residence will pay an additional nightly rate of £18.20 (2019/20 rate). To stay in College out of Term, you need the written permission of the Senior Tutor’s Assistant; such permission is given where possible, with academic needs being considered a high priority and personal convenience a very low priority. Vacation accommodation is always subject to availability. All rooms in the main building are used for conferences during the Christmas, Easter and Summer Vacations. The precise times when you need written permission from the Senior Tutor’s Assistant are given on page 5.

Your room, its furnishings and equipment
Electrical equipment
The electricity supply is 240v at 50Hz. Sockets are designed to take standard 13 amp plugs and care should be taken not to overload them. Each room has a circuit breaker to prevent overload; should the circuit breaker trip, the reset may not be carried out until the following working day – take care! You may introduce for use in your room kettles, radios, televisions, hifis, video/DV’s, computers, hairdryers/straighteners and shavers. Generally, permission is not required before such electrical equipment may be used, (though this policy is currently under review and may change). However, only equipment that complies to BS2754/BS3456/appropriate BEAB mark of approval electrical standard and wired with a 13amp plug may be used. Any other electrical apparatus must be approved by the College Steward. Please note that some items are specifically banned from use in College – please see Appendix 6 Section 4(ii) below. If there are any doubts about the suitability or safety of any equipment, students should consult the Facilities Manager. Non-essential electrical equipment should be switched off when going out as this not only saves money but is good for the environment and reduces the risk of fire. Please refer to Appendix 6 Section 4(ii) for further information in respect of cooking equipment.

If you wish to keep a fridge in your room, it must be registered (make and serial number) with the Housekeeping Department; you are only permitted to have a small refrigerator (no bigger than 50 litres). Freezers are not permitted. Permission for a larger fridge will NOT be given. Please be aware that some fridges have an integral freezer compartment and there is the potential that when defrosting they will leak water. Any damage done to the college furniture or carpet may be charged for. Fridges may not be left in rooms over vacations and storage is very limited, so you must arrange to take them home each vacation. Any fridge left in your room at the end of ANY term may be disposed of and a disposal charge of at least £60 added to your College bill. Unregistered fridges will automatically be disposed of. Over the summer vacation there is even less storage available and therefore fridges not removed at the end of the Easter Term will automatically be disposed of and a disposal charge levied.

Notices & Posters
Posters may be stuck to walls and doors but not on windows, always facing into the interior of the room, and on condition that you must pay for the repair of any damage resulting from the use of drawing pins or plastic adhesive materials. You should not drive picture hooks or nails into the walls of your room or the inside or outside of your doors. Noticeboards are provided in rooms for posters and the like; in addition, picture rails are installed in most rooms. Blu Tac does not harm a door, but it ruins a plastered wall. Please do not use Blu Tac on the noticeboards. If the use of Blu Tac involves the Housekeeping staff in extra work cleaning walls, a charge may be imposed; if inspection of your room when you vacate it reveals that it needs redecorating, a charge may be made depending on its original state when occupied.
Damage
Damage to student rooms (carpets, furniture and decoration) not caused by fair wear and tear will be charged for; if the damage is malicious, a fine may also be payable. You will be asked to complete a form agreeing the state of the room at the beginning of each term. Your room will be inspected just after you vacate it.

Vacating your room at end of term
At the end of term, please leave your room in a clean and tidy condition. Beds must be completely stripped. All rubbish must be placed in the black bin bags provided. Excess rubbish left in your room at the end of term will incur an extra charge to cover the College’s costs in clearing it away. Robinson College is also a very busy Conference Centre during the college vacation. Main College rooms are likely to be used every vacation by conference delegates or B&B guests while Hostel rooms will be used for other students and visitors. It is therefore very important that you vacate your room at the end of term no later than the date/time specified on your ‘Going Down’ form (equally, that you do not return to College any earlier that the date/time specified on the ‘Going Down’ form). The Housekeeping and Maintenance staff strive hard to maintain the standard of rooms and they appreciate your help and co-operation. If your room contains lockable cupboards above the wardrobe, you may normally use these to store possessions during the Christmas and Easter vacations. There are special arrangements for the summer vacation. Hostel rooms must always be fully vacated and all your possessions removed. There is a trunk room which can be used by arrangement with the Porters for the storage of a specified number of trunks and/or other items – information on the trunk room facilities and policy is distributed towards the end of each term by the Head Porter and in the ‘Going Down’ form.

Staircase and Hostel Kitchens
The staircase kitchens have microwave ovens, two-ring cookers, fridges, sinks and there is a lockable cupboard for each student. Limited cooking facilities are available in staircase kitchens because of the fire risk and restricted ventilation. Because fire safety in staircase kitchens continues to be a problem, the range of cooking facilities available in the kitchens remains under review by those responsible for your safety in the College. The hostel kitchens vary in size and availability of storage space. They have either freestanding cookers or built in ovens and hobs, microwave ovens, sinks and there are some storage cupboards. Because fire safety in kitchens continues to be a problem, the range of cooking facilities available in the kitchens remains under review by those responsible for your safety in the College.

Pilfering from kitchens only happens infrequently. Complaints to the bedmakers about pilfering from kitchens will be passed to the RCSA Committee. You will be issued with a kitchen key and it is advisable that the kitchen door is kept locked at all times.
Housekeeping
The Housekeeping team cover the cleaning of all areas of the College including the main college building and all the hostels. The Housekeeping Office is located just off the Bin Brook concourse at the northern end of the main college building.

To contact Housekeeping visit: https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/collegelife/departments/housekeeping/feedback-form

Role of the Bedmaker
Each room is allocated a Bedmaker who will on the whole be your regular contact in the servicing of your room. There are also supervisors who you may meet from time to time.

You must allow access to your room at least twice per week. Your bed will be changed weekly and you will be notified of your bed/linen change day on your arrival; any dirty linen must be outside your door by 9.00am. The room and bathrooms, both ensuite and shared, are cleaned weekly. Rubbish bins are emptied at least twice a week.

The majority of Bedmakers only work in the mornings so it would be greatly appreciated if you could be up by 9.00am on your cleaning day to enable the staff to complete their duties in the allotted time. Please assist your Bedmaker by keeping your room tidy and reasonably clean. Staff are instructed to report to the Housekeeping Manager about any consistent untidiness or damage to the furniture and fittings. Rooms will be checked each term by the Housekeeping Manager, Deputy Housekeeping Manager or Housekeeping Supervisors.

Kitchens are cleaned on a daily basis every weekday. The Bedmaker is responsible only for the general cleaning of student kitchens which entails emptying the rubbish, cleaning the floor, the sink and draining area and wiping over the cooker and refrigerator. The refrigerator will be defrosted as and when necessary. The cooker will only be wiped down. It is up to the occupants of the staircase to keep the cooker clean and fit for usage by everyone. **Washing up is your responsibility.** Again, the Bedmaker has instructions to report any untidiness or damage to the Housekeeping Manager. Repeated untidiness may result in the kitchens being closed down for a period and/or a fine if the matter is referred to the Dean.

Complaints
If you wish to make a complaint about a Bedmaker, you should contact the Housekeeping Manager. If there is no improvement after one week, contact an RCSA Committee member and arrange a liaison meeting to sort out the problem.

Disputes procedure
If a Bedmaker complains about the general state of your room and you take no action within seven days, the following procedure will be followed:

1) The Housekeeping Manager, or her Deputy, will first check the room to assess the situation.
2) If she is in agreement with the Bedmaker, a letter will be written to you.
3) If you disagree with the letter, you can either:
   a. contact the Housekeeping Manager; or
   b. contact the RCSA President or RCSA Catering and Amenities Officer.
4) If the RCSA is contacted, a liaison meeting with the Housekeeping Manager should be arranged in order to come to an agreeable solution.
5) If no solution is agreed upon, your Tutor will be informed.
**Maintenance Department**
The College deploys a team of qualified tradesmen who look after both our day to day maintenance and our planned works as well as some project work.

**Reporting faults and problems**
To report a maintenance fault visit: http://maintenance.robinson.cam.ac.uk/ or email to: maintenance@robinson.cam.ac.uk
**Sustainability**
Here at Robinson College, we are all proud of our reputation as an organisation committed to reducing the impact of our activities upon the environment.

The College Environmental Policy is monitored by the College Steward through the College Environment Forum which is tasked with ensuring the implementation of the policy and to assist in achieving the overall goal to reduce the College’s carbon footprint. The RCSA and MCR Green Officers are members of the Environment Forum and are able to represent your views and thoughts in College planning. The Environment Forum works to a Strategy which is updated each year. For information on the current strategic goals, please contact the College Steward.

You can find further information on Sustainability at Robinson College on the website [https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/sustainability-robinson-college](https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/sustainability-robinson-college). There is also a Green noticeboard at the top of the Garden Restaurant staircase where there is a number of our Green activities are promoted.

**Waste and Recycling**
All users of the College are encouraged to dispose of waste sustainably. Recycling facilities are available for use by students, staff and visitors. The College operates a recycling system for card, paper, plastic and glass; all food waste from the kitchen is processed for composting. Additionally, the College recycles light bulbs, including fluorescent tubes, printer cartridges, computer hardware and furniture wherever possible. Further information about recycling is available below or from Housekeeping. Almost all the College waste is all reused in some way – either through recycling or it is processed for waste derived fuel. We are working hard to achieve 0% waste to landfill.

**Recycling**
The College has excellent recycling facilities and is one of the best colleges in Cambridge for recycling. Recycling bins are provided in all bedrooms and there are recycling bins in each kitchen. The recycling bins are emptied by Housekeeping staff. Other recycling and disposal facilities are listed below. Please note that broken glass should not be put into bins - please keep glass separate and mark as broken glass or contact the Housekeeping Office for advice.

Re-usable envelopes and jiffy bags can be handed in at the Porters’ Lodge for re-use.

Recycling is available in the following places:
**Paper and cardboard (please do not leave under the staircase or in the hallways)**
- Wheelie bins on Front and High Court
- Library photocopy room, on each floor and library entrance
- Computer room
- JCR

**Cans, cartons, plastic bottles and containers.**
- Bedrooms
- Kitchens

At the bottom of every staircase

**Printer cartridges and batteries**
- Recycling bins are provided in the service yard

**Mobile Telephones**
- On request to the RCSA/MCR Green Officer

Please make sure that all bottles, cans, cartons and plastic bottle/containers are clean before recycling. Plastic bottles must be flattened before recycling and tops removed.
Eventually we would like all students to be responsible for their own rubbish and to use the facilities provided by the college on an individual basis. Please remember, Cambridge has a big landfill problem so your help in recycling as much as possible is invaluable. Your RCSA Green Officer (green@rcsa.co.uk) will try to answer any further questions about recycling/fair trade shopping etc.

Utilities - Consumption
There is a standing policy to use low-energy light bulbs throughout the estate unless there are specific reasons not to. The consumption of energy and water are monitored by the Facilities and Finance teams and we are working towards a consistent measurement of consumption per user unit so that comparisons can be effectively made with a view to targeting improvements. The College has fitted solar panels on part of the main building and also a water heat exchange unit in Bin Brook to help with its strategic goal to minimise the use of fossil fuels.

Improvements, Purchases and Developments
Wherever possible, specifications for new or replacement systems and equipment take account of the College’s environmental objectives.

Ethical Food Policy
Food sourcing is carefully managed with the emphasis upon seasonal and local purchasing wherever practical.

The College, through its purchasing agent, encourages the stipulation of food provenance on food invoices in order to be able to drive this objective. The College manages other aspects of its sustainable food sourcing in accordance with its Food Ethics Policy – see website.

What you can do
All members of the college are encouraged to take proactive steps to help the College achieve its strategic goals. Ways you can help are:

- Turn down heating in favour of an extra layer of clothing
- Use cold water washes in laundry facilities
- Close windows when heating is on
- Turn off all lights when you leave your room
- Turn off all other electrical equipment rather than leaving them on stand-by
- Reduce waste, reuse receptacles, recycle where you can
- Minimise your use of water – don’t run the tap while you clean your teeth
Computing and IT

Introduction
Computers and networks are powerful technologies which enable College members to access, use and distribute the College's and University's information and knowledge. As such, they are critical to the College’s continued existence. With the privilege to use the information resources of the College and the University come specific responsibilities.

These are defined by:
- JANET policies: https://community.jisc.ac.uk/library/acceptable-use-policy
- University rules: https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/policies
- College: http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/it/network-usage-rules

This section summarises key points. For more detail, please refer to the resources listed above. Failure to comply with policy will lead to disciplinary action.

Students at Robinson have access to a wide range of computer facilities provided in part by the University, and in part by the College.

IT Office
The Office is located at the bottom of Q Staircase, off High Court. Opening hours and support information can be found at http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/it/contacts. The College operates a helpdesk system for students; you can email helpdesk@robinson.cam.ac.uk, and one of the IT staff will respond to your request.

Robinson IT Facilities
College Computers
The College provides communal access computers for the use of all students. The Student Computer Room has 8 Windows and 1 Apple Mac computer running the University's managed desktop software. These machines provide a range of academic, office, email, graphic design and other programs. Further information is available at http://www.uis.cam.ac.uk/governance/uis-policies-and-guidelines. There is one MCS (Managed Cluster Service) PC in the Law Library, 2 on the ground floor of the Library and 2 in the Library basement. There are also 2 Catalogue-query terminals in the Library.

Printing
Printing in College uses the Common Printing Balance, a prepayment system which is common to many of the MCS computer rooms across the University. Printing credit can be obtained by logging onto the eCredit webpage. Credit is not refunded when you leave the University, but can be transferred to another University member on request.

Websites
The Robinson College IT department provides webpages offering a great deal of useful information and help specific to the local network at: http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/it.

The rules imposed on all students who use the College data network are published at: http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/it/network-usage-rules.

Information relevant to the Robinson College Students’ Association, and to Robinson College Student clubs and societies is published at http://www.rcsa.co.uk/
Robinson Network
The College provides a local wired and wireless network for the benefit of staff and students. This network covers the entire College site and connects all student rooms on campus, via the University’s network, to the Internet. Wireless facilities include an open Wifi network and Eduroam (a worldwide educational network).

Getting Online
To register your device on our network, for either wired or RC-Wifi, open your browser to any webpage e.g. www.example.com, you will be redirected back to our Robinson College Computer Registration webpage. Please follow the instructions.

The registration process should take 2-3 mins and you should hopefully be redirected to the Robinson College website once it has finished.

If you have any issues with connecting to the network, you should email helpdesk@robinson.cam.ac.uk for assistance.

The installation and/or use of peer-to-peer software and private wireless networks is strictly forbidden.

There is no charge for network use for students paying the Residence Charge. There are, however, data usage limits in place on the network in order to safeguard its operation, which apply to data usage from non-University systems only. You will receive an email if you are close to breaching these limits. If you breach the limits, your network connection will slow down until your usage goes back below the limit again. You can opt in for a higher limit (the Gold Network Service) for a termly charge of £25.00.

University IT Facilities

University Network
The University Information Service (UIS) operates a network interconnecting all the colleges, and providing fast access to the internet via JANET, the UK's main academic network.

MCS Facilities
In addition to this, the UIS operates a Managed Cluster Service providing many computer rooms around the University (see College Computers section). All students are eligible to use this facility and a single MCS/Raven/Hermes ID and password is used. UIS also run a series of free training classes and lectures on widely used services and software, such as email, word processing, Windows, UNIX and more. Details of these courses are published at: https://training.cam.ac.uk/ucs/.

Electronic Mail
Every student is allocated a University email address on arrival. You can access your email via webmail, via an email program (e.g. Outlook, Mail) or via your personal smartphone/tablet. Email is an important method of communication between departments, supervisors, colleges and students, so all students are required to use this facility and to check their emails regularly.
Planning for the future
While studying your subject, and throughout your time here, you will be acquiring skills and experience which will be of value to you, whatever direction your life may take later. It is worth keeping a record of these both as a means of taking stock of your career and as an element in your CV. Go to http://www.transskills.admin.cam.ac.uk/skills-portal for information about transferable skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP). You may also want to discuss this with your Tutor. The Careers Service offers valuable advice on planning for the future – its resources are described at www.careers.cam.ac.uk, its address is Stuart House, Mill Lane.
Conference and Catering

To give feedback to the Catering Team visit: https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/departments/catering/feedback

Catering Services

Garden Restaurant

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Varying priced options, freshly prepared by the College's team of chefs are available daily. These consist of three hot choices, including a well-balanced lacto-ovo vegetarian option, a baked potato bar, pasta bar, and salad bar. In addition to this, hot and cold beverages and a good selection of home-made desserts are offered. All items are individually priced. The discounted prices for members of the College range from about £1.40 for a substantial snack to about £4.20 for the more expensive main dish options.

You will require your University Identity Card (UIC) to identify yourself and qualify for these discounted prices. The normal method of payment for meals will be by loading money onto your UIC which can then be used to pay as you dine. In the first two weeks of term, cash payments without a UIC will be accepted, but thereafter the specially discounted food prices will be available only if you produce your UIC.

For that special occasion an à la carte menu is available, served to you by a waitress at a specially set table. This facility is available Monday to Friday lunchtimes and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Menus are available from the Garden Restaurant and bookings must be made with the office at least 48 hours in advance.

Special Dietary requirements

Vegetarian options are offered in the Garden Restaurant and at Formal Halls, but prior booking is required for the latter. If you have any other specific dietary requirements, please come and discuss them with the Deputy Catering Manager. Where possible, dietary needs on medical grounds will be met.

Guests

Guests are welcome to dine in the College although a surcharge on all dishes does apply for non-members.

Hall

There are two dinners in Hall each week and places must be booked in advance. Both are Formal Halls with Fellows and their guests using the High Table. Members and guests are expected to treat occasions with respect - to dress tidily and to remain in their seats until the meal is over.
Since these are the formal occasions in the College week, those who wander about during the meal or behave in a way which inconveniences the staff and other diners will be asked to leave. Hosts are entirely responsible for the conduct of their guests, who must be identified when they are booked in. Dinner is served at 7.30pm and gowns **must** be worn on both Tuesdays and Fridays.

Halls are occasions enjoyed by all who attend; don’t let your enjoyment get out of hand. Excessive consumption of alcohol at Hall is not tolerated; any student who has drunk so much that his or her behaviour is not acceptable to the Fellows and staff present will be asked to leave. Drinking games, such as penning, are not acceptable. Any inappropriate behaviour in this formal dining setting may result in an immediate ban from future occasions.

**Red Brick Café Bar**
Operating off Long Court is Robinson’s own café bar where you can get a wide variety of food and drink to take the edge off your appetite or have a full meal. Varying menus are available throughout the day including breakfast snacks, all day light food and more substantial hot meals in the evening. Or you can just enjoy your favourite coffee and a cake with friends.

In the evening, the bar opens, offering a wide variety of beers, wines and spirits. Vending machines are available outside the bar for out of hours service. During the year there will be a number of events and quizzes plus big screen viewing of sports and other entertainment. Keep your eyes open for notices and on the website page ‘What’s on in the RBCB’. Hours of opening: Mon-Fri: 9.30am, Saturday and Sunday: 11.00am. Closing times vary – please check the website.

**Comments**
Suggestions or complaints should be addressed to the Conference and Catering Manager or his Deputy.

**Vacation Catering**
There is a limited catering service available to members outside Full Term. Information will be posted at the relevant times giving full details.

**Website Catering Pages**
For more information about catering at Robinson College and for advance notice of the menus on offer in the Garden Restaurant each day, news and promotions, you can visit the Catering pages on the college website at:

[http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/departments/catering-department](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/departments/catering-department)

**Facebook Pages**
Keep in touch with catering news and comment on what you like on the catering Facebook pages -[http://www.facebook.com/RedBricks](http://www.facebook.com/RedBricks) and/or [http://www.facebook.com/CatManandCo](http://www.facebook.com/CatManandCo)
Conference facilities
The College operates a very healthy commercial conference business to provide vital income support. During term time, this is limited to day conferences and some evening functions while during vacations, the main college building becomes a residential conference centre. The advantage to students of this operation is that all manner of the services and products the College has are set at a higher level than might otherwise be the case and of course the income helps keep the charges lower.

Meeting Rooms and Theatres
There are several rooms which are bookable under the co-ordination of the Conference Office staff, by any member of College for meetings or parties (a small charge is made for some rooms). For more information please visit https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/catering/meeting-rooms-and-catering-bookings

Robinson College boasts a large Auditorium seating 270, one of the finest in Cambridge, the envy of the other Colleges. Everything from ‘King Lear’ to ‘Return to the Forbidden Planet’ and ‘Grease’ has been put on here; productions are regularly staged throughout the term and films are regularly shown too.

There is also a small theatre off the Bin Brook Concourse, known as the Umney Theatre, which seats 120. This may be hired for video projection, but only if the AVA Manager or the Assistant Technician is present. The hire charge is therefore high.

For self-catering dinner parties, a room on J staircase with cooking and dining facilities may be hired. In addition, the College Kitchens can provide lunches and dinners for small parties in the Garden Room or Seminar Room, for which there are hiring charges. The Linnett Room and Teaching Rooms are available for meetings. Early booking is advisable for any Public Room.

The Maria Bjöernson Theatre in the grounds of 2 Adams Road, has a stage with installed lighting and is available for student dramatic or musical events.

Garden Parties - The garden of 5 Adams Road may be booked for private or club parties: the rules which apply for both venues may be obtained from the Conference Office.

Legislation requires the College to have a Code of Practice governing meetings held on College premises (see Appendix 8).

Parties
If you are planning or organising a party to be held in College, you need to be aware of and comply with the licensing regulations. Please see the Conference and Catering Manager for more information. You must also ensure that you get tutorial permission for your party, in good time. Permission forms for parties in the Bass-ment are available from the Conference and Catering Office. The Bar offers a selection of drinks available for purchase for parties at reduced prices.
Libraries

College Library
The College Library provides a friendly and welcoming space for all members of the College. There is an outstanding book collection of around 58,000 titles, along with online access to all University electronic resources. Arranged over three floors, you have access 24/7: to enter press your University card on the card reader on the left hand side of the entrance door. You will also need your University card to borrow books via the self-issue machines. (There are instructions to follow next to the machines and there will be a demonstration at the introductory tours.)

Ms Judith Brown is the professional Librarian in charge of the day to day running of the Library. Office hours are normally 8:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00. Brief introductory tours will be offered during the first week of the Michaelmas term and library staff are here to help you throughout your time at Robinson. You are always welcome to call into the Library Office or email library@robinson.cam.ac.uk

All our books are searchable on Heritage online. There is a dedicated search terminal just next to the Book Returns Box on the left-hand side as you enter the Library. https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/Heritage/

If you want to see what is held in other Cambridge libraries use iDiscover. About half our books are searchable via this catalogue, including all new titles – but older titles are not yet searchable this way (use Heritage online instead) http://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk

Recommendations for book purchases are welcomed, there is a quick and easy online form for requests https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/library/book-purchase-request

We have a growing Be Well Collection of books for wellbeing and a Study Well Collection to help you become an effective learner.
Any feedback about library services can be given here https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/library/library-feedback
Join us on Twitter @LibraryRobinson

University Library (the UL)
The University Library is just across the road.
- Their website with opening hours can be found here http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/
- Everyone gets lost in the UL at first, this floorplan will help http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/using-library/floorplan
- Find out about the tours and training on offer here https://training.cam.ac.uk/cul/event-timetable

Faculty Libraries
Your Faculty or Departmental library will also conduct induction sessions at the start of the Michaelmas Term https://www.libraries.cam.ac.uk/libraries-directory/libraries-a-z
College Steward

The College Steward is responsible for the domestic services departments in College. Please consult with departments in the first instance but should you need further assistance, please contact the College Steward whose office is located on Long Court opposite the Red Brick Café or by email to nslm2@cam.ac.uk.

The College Steward is also responsible for health and safety, sustainability and general administration including insurance. He is also the Secretary of the Joint Liaison Committee (JLC) should students wish to raise matters of concern.

Insurance
The College provides basic insurance for student possessions kept in their room through Endsleigh Insurance Services Ltd. Please note cover does not include bicycles at all, or mobile phones or laptops outside the College room. For more information, please visit the website here http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/about-robinson/accommodation/general/faqs where you will find links to the Endsleigh website. Further advices is available from the College Steward. You don't need to do anything to activate this cover, but it is important for you to check and ensure that you fully understand the protection provided and whether it is sufficient for your needs. Visit www.endsleigh.co.uk/reviewcover to:

- Check your level of cover
- Review key exclusions and limitations
- Check your policy excess
- Learn how to make a claim
- Extend and personalise your cover to protect laptops, phones and other valuables

Robinson College shares your details with Endsleigh for the purpose of providing you with contents insurance.

Data Protection
In broad terms, we use your personal information to manage the ongoing relationship between the College and you as part of our lifelong community of scholars. This includes guiding and supporting your academic studies, maintaining and reviewing your academic progress and pastoral welfare, reviewing your financial commitments to the College and (if you live in College accommodation) managing our relationship with you as a resident.

You can find out more about how we process your data by viewing the Privacy Notice displayed on the College website here: http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/files/siteassets/college_life/documents/Robinson%20College%20Student%20Privacy%20Notice.pdf

When changes are made to this statement, we will publish the updated version on our website and notify you by other communications channels, as we deem appropriate or necessary.

The controller for your personal information is Robinson College, Grange Road, Cambridge CB3 9AN. The person responsible for data protection at the time of issue, and the person who is responsible for monitoring compliance with relevant legislation in relation to the protection of personal information, is the College Data Protection Lead (CDPL), (College Steward, Nick Milne, data.protection@robinson.cam.ac.uk).
Health and Safety
The College Health and Safety Policy is published on the website here https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/files/siteassets/Health%20and%20Safety%20Policy.pdf. Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring the Policy is put into practice is delegated to the College Steward, in consultation, where necessary, with Heads of Department and the Health and Safety Committee. Members of the RCSA and MCR Committees are included on the Health and Safety Committee. The College Steward is the “Responsible Person”.

Please feel free to contact the College Steward for any health and safety related matter.

Accident and Near Miss Reporting
An accident is “any unplanned event that resulted in injury or ill-health of people, or damage or loss to property, plant, materials or the environment or a loss of business opportunity”. A near-miss is “any unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage – but had the potential to do so. Only a fortunate break in the chain of events prevented an injury, fatality or damage; in other words, a miss that was nonetheless very near”.

Under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, the College has a responsibility as a landlord for the safety of visitors to the building (as distinct to employees) which includes our student and other residents. Part of our risk assessment provisions is to understand the accidents and near misses that occur so that we can take proactive action to aim to reduce such occurrences. All accidents and near-misses should therefore be reported.

How is this information used?
Accidents are investigated as required and remedial action taken. Additionally statistics are compiled (shared with the H&S Committee) and HODs to determine particular higher risk areas/activities to enable further mitigating action to be taken. In specified cases, accidents are reported to HSE (RIDDLO Regs).

To report an accident or near-miss, please use the on-line report here: https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/about-robinson/accident-and-near-miss-form.
Development Office
The Development Office, situated at the top of V Staircase, is staffed by Sarah Westwood, Director of Development; Catherine Biggs, Deputy Development Director, Helen Winter, Development Assistant and Norbert Truszczynski, Alumni Relations Assistant.

The Development Office organises the College's programme of events for Members and their families, including the Annual Reception, Reunion Dinners, Freshers’ and Graduands’ Parents’ lunches and many others, such as subject and career oriented drinks parties and dinners. Most of the events take place in London and Cambridge, but may be as far afield as Hong Kong, Singapore, Toronto or New York. They also fundraise for various projects in Robinson, including College teaching, student bursaries and scholarships and student accommodation.

The Development Office produces and distributes Bin Brook, the College magazine, The Robinson Record and emails with information on what’s happening in College and forthcoming events for Members and Friends of Robinson. In addition, they work with the Robinson College Alumni Association (see below). The Development Office team are always pleased to offer advice to students organising their own events – just drop by, or make an appointment by contacting them on: development-office@robinson.cam.ac.uk. They also have vacation jobs available from time to time, usually in relation to the telephone fundraising campaign and these are advertised to all students via email and also on posters around College when there are vacancies available.

RCAA: Robinson College Alumni Association (Pegasus)

All those who graduate from Robinson are automatically members of the Robinson College Alumni Association (Pegasus) – ‘The Pegasus Society’ was an earlier name given to the Alumni Association when College was founded. RCAA has an elected Committee of Alumni and College Fellows. This Committee works in conjunction with the Development Office and as well as the Alumni Forum and Annual Alumni Dinner (open to all alumni of any year and subject) the Committee encourages alumni networking and organises informal events. These have included a London pub gathering and local alumni get-togethers, for example in Manchester, Edinburgh, Bristol and Cyprus.

Details of news, events and booking are found on the College Alumni website pages: http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/alumni.
Chapel
The College Chapel is next to the Porters’ Lodge, with a door that is always open under the first bridge in Long Court.

It contains stained glass by John Piper, who was responsible for the interior design, an organ by Erik Frobenius, a Steinway grand piano and a Rubio harpsichord. The chapel and the small side chapel, which is part of it, may be used at any time for prayer or quiet. The chapel is open all day, and the side chapel is open all night too.

All members of Robinson, their families and friends are welcome to attend chapel services. The chapel is an ecumenical foundation, and the services are not those of any single denomination but on different occasions reflect the riches of different Christian traditions; Christians of all backgrounds may receive communion in chapel if they wish. These and other Christian activities in Robinson, and in the town, are advertised on the noticeboards outside the chapel. Students interested in the use of the chapel and issues of Christian action are encouraged to contact the Chaplain.

The chapel has a strong musical tradition. The Choir sings and helps lead worship at the Sunday evening and Tuesday evening services.

It has toured in summer vacations to Scotland, Ireland, Poland, N.W. Europe, Norway, the Czech Republic, Canada and Hong Kong. Men and women singers are very welcome to join; auditions are held but previous experience is not necessary. The College offers Choral Awards and gives Choir members a free dinner in Hall each Tuesday. Anyone interested should contact the Chaplain or the Organ Scholar, Anthony Gray.
**Gardens**

Our College Gardens date back to late Victorian and Early Edwardian times and everyone is encouraged to enjoy this wonderful heritage together with the more recent landscaping and plantings. There are seats, benches and tables around for students to use and indeed the gardens are well used in the warm summer months for relaxation and study. This includes welcoming students to walk anywhere on the lawns. However, when the soil is wet in the winter we ask people to keep to the paths rather than taking short cuts and risk damaging the turf.

The Gardens Department looks after all the grounds across the entire college estate. They work hard to keep lawns and planted beds looking attractive and interesting. The Gardens compound is located at Thorneycreek Cottage. Please help the Gardeners; they work very hard to maintain an attractive environment for all to enjoy.

**Games in the gardens**

Ball games are not allowed (there are sports fields nearby) but when the College is closed to the public in the Easter Term exam period, to help with relaxation students can play Frisbee and croquet. The small lawn by the side of Thorneycreek is used as a croquet lawn during the summer.

The use of washing lines, repair of cycles, feeding of birds and other animals and the use of ordinary room furniture in the College grounds are not permitted.

**No barbecues of any sort are permitted anywhere on the College site.**
Appendix 1

COLLEGE COUNCIL 2019/2020

The College Council for 2019/2020 will consist of

The Warden
The Deputy Warden
The Senior Tutor
The Finance Bursar
Dr S Annett
Revd Dr D G Cornick
Dr C M Crump
Professor A Dawar
Dr D Fairen-Jimenez
Dr P T Griffiths
Dr N Krishna
Dr E K Price
Dr J E Smith (Baroness Smith of Newnham)
Dr J R Thurlow
Ms S E Westwood
Professor A L Young

and

Three Student Members (normally the Presidents of the MCR and RCSA and one more undergraduate representative)

and in attendance

The College Steward (Secretary)
DIRECTORS OF STUDIES 2019/2020

A list of Directors of Studies will be confirmed in the on-line addition of the Junior Members Handbook before the start of Michaelmas Term, please see here: https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/documents-and-policy
Appendix 3

TUTORS 2019/2020

A list of Tutor's will be confirmed in the on-line addition of the Junior Members Handbook before the start of Michaelmas Term, please see here:
https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/college-life/documents-and-policy
Appendix 4

ROBINSON COLLEGE STAFF

Administration

Bursary
Ms Fiona Brockbank (Finance Bursar) 39187
Mr Nick Milne (College Steward) 39538

College Office
Mrs Michèle Tumber (Finance Manager) 39174
Mrs Julia McCarthy (Deputy Office Manager) 68891
Mrs Shirley Young (Accounts Assistant) 68893
Mrs Jane Hall (Student Accounts) 68892
Ms Ewa Przewozniczuk (Payroll Clerk) 39193

Warden’s Office
Mrs Elizabeth Pettit (PA to the Warden) 39122

Tutorial/Admissions Office
Mrs Keisha Sharp (Senior Tutor’s Assistant) 39123
Miss Francesca Amabile (Admissions Coordinator) 39143
Mrs Linda Hunns (Tutorial Assistant/Praelector’s Secretary) 39142
Mrs Sharon Upton (Graduate Secretary) 61299
Mr William Fenwick (Schools’ Liaison and Outreach Officer) 39224

Development Office
Ms Sarah Westwood (Director of Development) 68895
Ms Catherine Biggs (Deputy Development Director) 39037
Mrs Helen Winter (Development Assistant) 39037
Mr Norbert Truszczynski (Alumni Relations Assistant) 39118

Conference & Catering Office
Ms Nicole Parker (Conference and Events Manager) 39116
Miss Fran Goddard (Catering & Conference Office Assistant) 68888
Miss Rosalind Marsh (Conference & Events Coordinator) 30699
Miss Chloe Sutton (Conference & Events Coordinator) 30699
Miss Chelsea Robert (Reservationist) 39863

Human Resources
Mrs Jenny Woodfield (Human Resources Manager) 32858
Mrs Amy Osborne (HR Coordinator) 30709

IT Department
Mr Dave Johnstone (IT Manager) 39006
Mr Michael Hauser (Deputy IT Manager) 39109
Mr Kevin Bellwood (IT Systems Administrator) 68925
Mr Darren Tarrant (IT Systems Developer) 60192

Library
Ms Judith Brown (College Librarian) 39124
Porters 39100
Mr David Reynolds (Head Porter)
Mr David Faircliff (Deputy Head Porter)
Mr Marco Ariano (Lodge Porters)
Mr Iain Drylie (Lodge Porter)
Mr Howard Jones (Lodge Porter)
Mr Gerry May (Lodge Porter)
Mr Edward Migdal (Lodge Porter)
Mr Desmond O’Grady (Lodge Porter)
Mr Roger Maxfield (Senior Porter)
Mr Peter Smith (Lodge Porter)
Mr Gary Swan (Lodge Porter)

Maintenance - 39129
Mr Bill McKim (Facilities Manager)
Mr Gary Hollis (Deputy Facilities Manager)
Mr Ron Wyness (Electrician)
Mr Andrew Barker (Painter)
Mr Kevin Harradine (Painter)
Mr Roger Russell (Plumber)
Mr Jim Hodge (Carpenter/Handyman)
Mr Ian Jeffrey (General Handyman)
Mr Martyn Hawkes (Maintenance Assistant)

Gardens - 39167
Mr Guy Fuller (Head Gardener)
Mr Paul Horner (Deputy Head Gardener)
Mrs Ginny Barker (Assistant Gardener)
Mr Nicholas Ashford (Part Time Assistant Gardener)
Michael Durrant (Apprentice Gardener)

Housekeeping - 39128
Mrs Julie Allen (Housekeeping Manager)
(Deputy Housekeeping Manager)
Ms Lynne Freestone (Housekeeping Supervisor)
Mrs Sara Venkappa (Housekeeping Supervisor)

Catering - 39119
Mr Alexis Moreau (Head of Conference and Catering Services)
Mrs Christine James (Deputy Catering Manager)
Mr Gary Dougan (Head Chef)
Mrs Johanna Truszczynska (Deputy Head Chef)
Mrs Sarah Harold (Food and Beverage Manager)
Mrs Helen Gratidge (Assistant Food Services Manager)
Ms Anna Denton (SCR Supervisor)
Red Brick Café Bar - 39138
Mr Simon Murden (Bar Manager)

College Nurse - 39136
Mrs Kim Freeman (College Nurse)
Appendix 5

FELLOWS

YATES, Professor A D, MA FRSA (Warden)

ALLEN, Professor W R, CBE, B VSc, PhD, ScD, DESM, FBS, FRCVS, (Emeritus Fellow)
ANNETT, S, MA, MPhil, PhD, MEd (Fellow and Admissions Tutor (Arts))
ARTEAGA, I (Research Fellow)
ASTLE, D E (Fellow)
BERRIOS, Professor G E, MD, DM (Hon. Causa, Heidelberg), FRCPsych, FBPsS, FMedSci, FRCP (Hon) (Life Fellow)
BRETT, M, DPhil (Emeritus Fellow and Archivist)
BROCKBANK, F, BA, ACA (Fellow and Finance Bursar)
BROOKS, P N, PhD (Life Fellow)
BROWN, Professor L M, Scd FRS (Emeritus Fellow)
CALDAS, Professor C
CHALUT, K J (Fellow and Tutor)
COLLINGS, Professor N, PhD, FRENG (Emeritus Fellow)
COPLEY, A C (Fellow)
CORNICK, Revd Dr D G, PhD (Fellow)
CRUMP, C M (Fellow)
DAWAR, Professor A, PhD (Fellow)
DOHERTY, G J (Fellow)
DONALD, Professor Dame A M, PhD, FRS DBE (Honorary Fellow)
DRUMMOND, Professor I T, PhD (Emeritus Fellow)
DUER, Professor M J, PhD (Fellow and Deputy Warden)
ELSHAFIE, M Z E B, MPhil, PhD (Fellow)
ERICKSON, A L (Fellow)
FAIREN JIMENEZ, D, MA (Fellow)
FINNIN, R E, MA (Fellow)
FORSYTH, Professor C F, LLB, PhD (Life Fellow)
FREER, E A O, MPhil (Fellow)
GALAMBOS, I (Fellow)
GEORGIOU, A, MEng, PhD (Fellow)
GRAY, Professor J C, PhD (Life Fellow)
GRIFFITHS, P T, BA, DPhil (Fellow and Graduate Tutor)
GUILD, E M, PhD (Fellow and Tutor)
GUY, Dr B D, PhD (Research Fellow)
HEDGELAND, H MSc PhD (Fellow and Admissions Tutor (Sciences))
HOGARTH, S J (Fellow)
HOCKER, Emerita Professor M D, DD (Life Fellow)
HUTCHINSON, Professor P J A, PhD, FRCS (Fellow)
JIN, Y, BArch, PhD (Fellow)
JONES, G A C, PhD (Life Fellow and Graduate Tutor)
KAMINSKI, Professor C F, BSc, DPhil (Fellow)
KAMINSKI SCHIERLE, G S PhD (Fellow)
KIRKPATRICK, Professor R, PhD (Life Fellow)
KORNICKI, Professor P F, DPhil, DLitt, FBA (Emeritus Fellow)
KRISHNA, N, BPhil, DPhil (Fellow)
LARSSON, Dr J P (Fellow)
LATHAM, C, MA, Vet MB, Cert. VR MRCVS (Fellow)
LIEU, Professor J M, PhD PCE FBA (Fellow Emerita)

LIEU, Professor S N C, FRHistS, FSA, FRSN, FAHA (Bye Fellow)
Every resident member of the College (not being a Fellow) pursuing a course of study or research in the University (hereafter referred to as a junior member) shall comply with such of the following Regulations as apply to him/her, and with any other Regulations made by or with the authority of the College Council. Any failure to do so may render him/her liable to disciplinary proceedings under College Statute XXXI or to the imposition by an authorised College Officer of a charge or other penalty.

1. **Residence**

(i) Every junior member shall come into residence on the first day of each Full Term. Permission is required to come into residence earlier than the Saturday before Full Term or to remain in residence after the second Saturday following the end of Full Term. Every junior member shall inform the College by completing the forms each term online, of his/her going down and coming up dates; permission must be sought to make any changes to these dates once notified.

(ii) Every junior member (whether resident in College, or College hostel, or lodgings) shall sign the Redit Book in the Porters’ Lodge when he/she comes into residence.

(iii) A junior member who wishes to be absent from College or a College hostel or his/her lodgings (as the case may be) from midnight to 06.00 hours shall first obtain an Exeat by signing the Exeat Book in the Porters’ Lodge.

(iv) No junior member shall go out of residence at the end of term without first signing the Final Exeat Book in the Porters’ Lodge.

Every junior member is required to see his/her Tutor before going out of residence at the end of term.

A junior member who has not kept the term as defined by University Regulations may not obtain a Final Exeat without tutorial permission.

(v) Every junior member shall register with a Cambridge doctor within seven days of first coming into residence.

2. **The Courts and Precincts of the College**

No junior member shall:

(i) bring into or keep within the precincts of the College any animal including fish, birds, reptiles;

(ii) bring into the College courts any car, motorcycle, moped, bicycle or other vehicle;

(iii) make any undue noise in the courts or in College rooms, or play any musical instrument, record or CD player, radio or television so as to be a nuisance to other members of the College;
(iv) use the College lawns for the playing of ball, racket or similar games, including Badminton, with the exception of croquet and bowls on areas designated from time to time by the College and of frisbee throwing on the lawn between the main College building and Bin Brook. Footwear worn must not cause damage to the surface of the lawns. Walking and running on the lawns should be avoided at times of heavy rain or frost;

(v) fly drones of any sort within or above the precincts of the College and its gardens.

(vi) act in such a manner as to interfere with or inconvenience any function taking place within the College;

(vii) be inappropriately dressed when out of the privacy of their room – i.e. suitable attire, including footwear should be worn at all times when in the catering areas, the courts, the Porters’ Lodge, or generally in and around the precincts of the College;

(viii) enter the area of the College Service Yard/Loading Bay at the North end of the College. This is a working area and it may not be used as a shortcut other than as a fire exit in the event of an emergency evacuation.

3. Safety Precautions

No junior member shall:

(i) tamper with the electrical wiring, plumbing, or other services in any part of the College or a College hostel;

(ii) tamper with or block any fire escape routes; this includes the storage of belongings, boxes, clothing, etc on stairwells and on corridors, thus hampering use of the fire exit route.

(iii) discharge or interfere with any fire-fighting equipment without good cause;

(iv) use a barbecue of any type anywhere in the College, including the gardens;

(v) keep any ammunition, fireworks, firearm or airgun, including paint ball guns, in College, in a College hostel or in lodgings without tutorial permission. Explosives or highly flammable substances, including lighted candles, may not be brought into, kept or used in College, in a College hostel or in lodgings;

(vi) climb or sit on roof areas or enter any areas containing control equipment for mechanical and electrical services;

(vii) combine with others to exceed the maximum numbers allowed in a lift irrespective of the total weight.

It is the responsibility of every member of the College to acquaint him/herself with the procedures to be observed in the event of fire and generally to behave in a manner which does not endanger other members, staff or visitors.

A fine of up to a £250 and/or deprivation of accommodation and other facilities in College may be imposed on offenders who are caught interfering with or misusing any equipment in College relating to fire detection or control.
4. College Rooms

(i) Furniture belonging to the College shall not be removed from any room without the consent of the College Steward. Any damage or loss shall be reported immediately to the Porters’ Lodge.

Students may not introduce items of furniture of their own – e.g. double bed, arm chair without the approval of the College Steward. Furniture that is allowed must have an attached label which confirms that the filling material(s) and covering fabric(s) meet the requirements for resistance to cigarette and match ignition as shown in fire safety legislation.

(ii) Electrical appliances (other than heaters provided by the College, kettles, radios, televisions, hifi, video/DVD’s, computers, hairdryers and shavers) shall NOT be used without the consent of the College Steward. Toasters and sandwich makers, electric woks, rice makers or any other cooking apparatus with a heat source may also be used but ONLY in the kitchens. Deep fat fryers may not be used under any circumstances anywhere within accommodation areas, including kitchens – this applies to the main college building and to hostels. Spotlights, disco type flashing lights, Christmas tree/fairy lights may not be used anywhere in College premises, including hostels, without approval by the College Steward.

(iii) No cooking shall be allowed in College rooms and no barbecue or similar equipment is to be used in the grounds of the College.

(iv) No animal shall be kept in College rooms. This includes fish, birds, reptiles.

(v) Posters and similar notices facing outwards shall not be displayed in the windows of College rooms or in public parts of the College without permission. Notices may be posted only on approved notice boards in College precincts.

(vi) Aerials shall not be set up outside College rooms.

(vii) A junior member shall deliver the keys of his/her College room safely to the Porters’ Lodge before he/she goes out of residence at the end of each term. Junior members will be charged the costs incurred by the College in replacing lost keys. That cost currently stands at £23.50 per key.

(viii) Damage to rooms or furniture (other than by fair wear and tear), including damage to decorations caused by affixing pictures etc. to the walls with tape, nails, or otherwise, will be charged to the occupant. Only shower fittings installed by the College are to be used.

(ix) A junior member wishing to vacate College accommodation for the following term shall give notice before the division of term. If the College is able to re-let the accommodation, rent will cease to be charged at the end of the term in which notice is given; if not, the junior member is liable for the full rent for the whole of the following term. Vacating College accommodation during the course of the academic year removes any right to accommodation in College in a subsequent year.

(x) Graduate students shall pay the Graduate Residence Charge in full for the normal period of 50 weeks’ residence. Such rents shall be remitted only provided that:

(a) During the first 3 terms of the academic year, one full term’s notice is required to vacate; without such notice the full Residence Charge shall be payable. During the Long Vacation, half of one term’s notice is required.
There shall be no reimbursement of the Residence Charge for periods of absence. The Residence Charge shall otherwise continue to be payable. A graduate student failing to fulfil the above conditions for compassionate reasons shall be dependent for relief upon the allocation of funds from the Financial Assistance Fund.

(xi) A married couple who are both junior members shall be entitled to accommodation only during term. Such accommodation will not normally be in the College buildings and the Residence Charge will be negotiated. The College shall not accept responsibility for providing married accommodation for a junior member who is not a member of the College.

(xii) Upon departure from your room at the end of each term, unless there is special dispensation allowed, junior members are required to vacate their room by the appointed time (10.00am) and prepare the room in a tidy state for cleaning as follows: beds stripped of all linen, all rubbish placed in the black bags provided, any personal possessions left in the room secured in your top box (not at the end of Easter term). Failure to abide by these requirements may result in remedial charges to reimburse the College for its additional costs on the following scale: extra cleaning for very untidy/dirty rooms £25.00; beds not stripped £10.00; late departure from the room standard vacation rent (2019/20 = £18.20) per day or part day; damage to the room or fittings subject to quote based upon cost plus addition of standard vacation rent per day if the room cannot be used.

5. Guests in College and in Lodgings

(i) The name of every guest of a junior member of the College, who is present in College or a College hostel between 02.00 and 06.00 hours shall be recorded by the occupant.

(ii) No more than one such guest shall be accommodated in any room without tutorial permission.

(iii) No one person shall spend more than three consecutive nights in the College or in a College hostel as such a guest without tutorial permission.

(iv) No guest shall spend more than fifteen nights per term in the College or in a College hostel without tutorial permission.

(v) No member of the College or person under eighteen shall be such a guest without tutorial permission.

(vi) No guest shall be allowed to stay overnight in a junior member’s room in his/her absence without tutorial permission.

(vii) Should any unauthorised guest be found to be staying overnight in a junior member’s room in contravention of any of the rules 5(i) – 5(vi) above, the College reserves the right to levy a fine in the amount of the room standard vacation rent (2019/20 = £18.20) per day, for each of the relevant nights.

(viii) Every junior member shall at all times ensure that his/her guests observe the regulations and rules of the College while they are in the College, and he/she shall be responsible for any damage or extra costs arising from the presence of his/her guests.

(ix) No unaccompanied visitor shall be allowed into the College after midnight.
6. Entertainment and Parties

(i) Before a junior member holds any entertainment, party or meeting of more than ten persons at which alcoholic liquor is to be consumed in College or in any College property, he/she shall first obtain the written permission of a Tutor not less than three days in advance and take it to the Porter's Lodge.

(ii) He/she may be required by the Tutor to provide a list of guests who are to be present.

(iii) A junior member purchasing alcohol for a party must be aware of and comply with the licensing regulations that are in force in the College. Alcohol for parties must be purchased through the Bar.

7. Cars, Motorcycles and Bicycles

(i) No junior member shall keep a motor-vehicle, motorcycle, or moped in Cambridge unless he/she has first obtained tutorial and proctorial permission.

(ii) No motor-vehicle, motorcycle, or moped shall be parked within the precincts of the College except in such places and subject to such conditions as may be specified from time to time.

(iii) Every junior member who has a bicycle in Cambridge shall comply with the rules in respect of the parking of bicycles within the precincts of the College, and with the proctorial regulations regarding the number of bicycles.

8. Academic Dress

Gowns shall be worn in Chapel and at Formal Dinner in Hall.

9. Public Order

(i) No member of the College shall intentionally or recklessly disrupt or impede or attempt to disrupt or impede the activities and functions of the College or any meeting held on College premises.

(ii) No member of the College shall intentionally or recklessly impede freedom of speech or lawful assembly on College premises; and no member of the College shall negligently, intentionally or recklessly fail to give any notice which is required to be given to a College Officer in accordance with the Code of Practice issued in terms of section 43 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986.

(iii) All members of the College shall comply with any instruction given by a College Officer, or by any other person authorised to act on behalf of the College, in the proper discharge of his or her duties.

(iv) All members of the College shall state their names when requested by any College Officer or by any other person authorised to act on behalf of the College, in the proper discharge of his or her duties.

10. Smoke-free premises - College Smoking Regulations

(i) Under the Smoke-free England regulations set out in the Health Act 2006, it is illegal to smoke indoors in “public” places. Smoking is therefore not permitted in:
• any private or public room of the College,
• any staircase, hallway, walkway or balcony

There are 3 areas where smoking is permitted:

• Long Court and Front Court, from the bottom of the steps leading to High Court to the start of Herschel Court (8am to 11pm only).
• In the smoking shelter adjacent to the Service Yard during working hours, (Staff only).
• The gardens/grounds in general for junior members, conference delegates and members of staff during designated breaks.

(ii) Care should be exercised in not smoking near open windows or intakes for ventilation systems.

(iii) Staff and College Members may not smoke on the public pavements around the entrances to the College at Burrell’s Walk and the Porters’ Lodge (at the junction of Grange Road and Herschel Road).

(iv) Junior Members who ignore the regulations and do smoke in their bedrooms will be charged a cleaning fee of £25/term for specialist cleaning and may receive an additional automatic £100 fine. Interference with smoke detection equipment in bedrooms or elsewhere will result in an automatic £250 fine.

(v) The College Nurse will be happy to advise staff and junior members on giving-up smoking.

(vi) The smoking rules above apply to all parts and buildings that form part of the College estate – Main College Building and Hostels.

YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT IN MANY INSTANCES THE COLLEGE IS OBLIGED TO IMPOSE THESE NO SMOKING RULES BY LAW

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Appendix 7a

**Code of Discipline**

No member of the College shall intentionally or recklessly:

(a) Disrupt or attempt to disrupt teaching or study or research or the administrative, sporting, social or other activities in the University of Cambridge or its constituent colleges, or disrupt or attempt to disrupt the lawful exercise of the freedom of speech by members and employees of the said University and colleges or by visiting speakers, or obstruct or attempt to obstruct any employee or agent of the said University and colleges in the performance of his or her duties;

(b) Damage or deface any property of the University or any of its constituent colleges or of any member, visitor, officer or employee of the same, or knowingly misappropriate such property;

(c) Occupy or use to attempt to occupy or use, any property or facilities of the University or any of its constituent colleges, except as may be authorised by the authorities concerned;

(d) i) submit to a supervisor employed by the College to teach that member, any written work of another unless such reliance on another’s work has been fully and appropriately acknowledged in the written work submitted.

ii) use unfair means in any examination set and conducted by the College. (“Unfair means” shall bear the same meaning as it does in the University's Disciplinary regulations, regulation 6).

iii) assist any other member of the College to commit an offence under either (i) or (ii).

(e) Forge or falsify expressly or impliedly any University certificate or document or knowingly make false statements concerning standing or results obtained in any examination;

(f) Engage in any activity likely to cause injury to others or likely to impair their safety;

(g) Engage in violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening or offensive behaviour or language; offensive behaviour here is to be assessed on the basis of normal standards of sensitivity.

(h) Engage in the harassment of any member, visitor, employee or agent of the University and any of its constituent colleges (for the purpose of this Code, a single act of harassment on a single occasion is, if proven, sufficient to constitute a breach of discipline);¹

(i) Engage in any fraudulent or dishonest behaviour in relation to the holding of any office in a college or University society;

(j) Refuse to disclose his or her name and other relevant details to an officer or an employee or agent of the University or its constituent colleges in circumstances where it is reasonable to require such information to be given;

(k) Decline or refuse to obey any lawful instruction of an officer or employee of the University or its constituent colleges;

¹ See footnote.
(l) Use, offer, or sell or give to any person drugs, the possession or use of which is illegal;

(m) Breach any particular disciplinary regulation adopted by the College Council provided that the attention of the Junior Members to the existence of that regulation has been specifically drawn by appropriately widespread publication (for instance, in the Junior Members’ Handbook or otherwise).

(n) Fail to comply with the terms and conditions of any penalty imposed by the Dean or the Disciplinary Committee.

Being under the influence of alcohol or otherwise intoxicated will not be admitted as an excuse for breaches of this Code, and may be regarded as an aggravating factor.

NOTE.
Junior Members are reminded of the University’s Procedures and Regulations dealing with student complaints of harassment and sexual misconduct (see Appendix 9) and the College may, in appropriate cases, either itself refer, or request complainants to refer, complaints concerning such matters to the University authorities. Where an allegation amounts to conduct that, if proven, would constitute a criminal offence, a complainant may also be counselled to report the matter to the police for further investigation.

Footnote:

1. The charge of harassment does not cover cases of serious sexual misconduct or rape. Where any member of the College wishes to allege conduct amounting to serious sexual misconduct or rape, the College, lacking the forensic facilities or skills or the powers necessary to investigate such allegations, will provide pastoral care, guidance and support but will not investigate or bring charges in relation to the allegation itself. The proper investigating authority in such cases is the police but the College member making the complaint may also request that the University investigate the matter by referring the complaint to OSCA (see Appendix 9).
Appendix 7b

Appointment of a Dean, Disciplinary Committee Regulations, and Code of Discipline

Dean’s Regulations

1. The Dean shall have responsibility for discipline in the College and to this end may impose penalties upon junior members of the College who are found to be in breach of any provision of the Code of Discipline. The Dean shall, however, have no power to impose any penalty on a junior member or conduct any investigation into the conduct of a junior member unless a signed written complaint of a breach of discipline has been made to him or her.

2. The penalties which the Dean may impose shall include the imposition of a fine not in excess of £500 on any one occasion. In addition, the Dean shall have power to require a junior member to cease to reside in accommodation owned by the College for a period not exceeding the remainder of the academic year, save that when this penalty is imposed in the Easter Term, the junior member may be required to cease to reside until the end of the following Michaelmas Term. The Dean shall also have power to order the exclusion of a junior member from any part of the College (e.g. the bar) for like periods of time. Furthermore, the Dean shall have power to impose a penalty of College Community Service that shall consist of a specified number of hours, not exceeding 60, of useful labour under the direction of the College Steward.

3. In the exercise of his or her powers under these regulations the Dean shall not be subject to direction or control by any other person.

4. In deciding whether to exercise his or her powers in any particular case the Dean shall take care to ensure that, as far as is consistent with the interests of the College, no junior member is punished twice for the same offence.

5. The Dean shall not impose any penalty (a) without conducting a thorough investigation into the facts of the alleged breach of the Code of Discipline, (b) informing the junior member or members concerned of the case which they have to answer (including revealing to them all the evidence relevant to the matter) and (c) extending to the junior member a full and adequate opportunity to answer that case or to draw mitigating factors to his or her attention.

6. The Dean shall maintain a record of all penalties imposed and make an Annual Report to the Council in which he or she shall account for the exercise of his or her powers. All remedial charges shall be paid to the College. Where any breach of the Code of Discipline has led to damage to property, the Dean may order that any charge should be devoted to the repair or replacement of the property in question. But where the Dean does not so order, sums collected from remedial charges shall be expended by the Finance Committee for charitable ends.

7. Where a disciplinary matter arises in which the Dean, either through his or her prior knowledge of the junior members involved or the facts of the matter or for any other proper reason, considers that there is a reasonable possibility he or she might appear to a reasonable observer as partial, he or she shall decline to act and the Deputy-Warden shall act in his or her stead.

8. Where the Dean forms the opinion that a disciplinary matter is so serious that it is appropriate that the Disciplinary Committee should meet, the Dean shall impose no
penalty but inform the Warden, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and the Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee that a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee is required.\(^3\)

9. Where a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee is called, the Dean shall present the case against the junior member concerned to the Committee. Should the decision of the Disciplinary Committee be appealed to the Council in accordance with Statute XXX1 (4)(ii), the Dean shall appear before Council and respond to that appeal.

10. Whenever the Dean imposes a penalty under Regulation 2 above, he or she shall inform the junior member of his or her right to appeal to the Disciplinary Committee under Statute XXX1 (3). The Dean shall also inform the junior member that if the Disciplinary Committee finds the junior member guilty, the Committee may vary, i.e. may reduce or may increase, any penalty imposed. The Dean shall present the case against the junior member to the Disciplinary Committee.

\(^3\) The typical case where the Dean will form this “so serious” opinion will be when the Dean’s powers are insufficient to deal with the matter appropriately. For instance, by Statute XXX1(1) no officer (including the Dean) may impose the penalty of temporary or permanent exclusion of a junior member from the College, so should the matter be so serious that that penalty might be appropriate if the accused student were found guilty, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee will be required. Similarly, the Dean may anticipate (e.g., because of severe damage to property) a charge in excess of the £500 limit may be appropriate, so a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee will be required to deal appropriately with the matter. However, there will be other cases, for instance, if there has been widespread disorder in the College, where a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee will be appropriate even if no individual is at risk of exclusion or a severe charge.
Disciplinary Committee Regulations

1. Composition of the Disciplinary Committee

(a) The Committee shall consist of four Fellows and the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman shall have significant experience of the conduct of disciplinary or other judicial proceedings and shall be appointed by the Council after consultation with the junior members for a term of five years. The Council may appoint a member or a non-member of the College to the office of Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee. The remaining members of the Committee shall be drawn by lot from the Fellows of the College, excluding Honorary, Emeritus and Life Fellows, Fellows in their first year of election, Members of Council, the Secretary (see reg 2(b)), the Dean, and the Chairman (if a Fellow of the College) and any Fellow who is the Tutor of a junior member of the College charged in the disciplinary matter or who to the satisfaction of the Warden establishes that he or she has prior knowledge of or is otherwise involved in the issue that will come before the Committee.

(b) The drawing of lots for members of the Committee shall be conducted by the Warden and the members so drawn shall serve on the Committee for the duration of the case. The same Committee shall hear the complaints against all the defendants involved in any one case, unless the Committee decides that it would be unfair to try all the defendants at the same time. Prior to the drawing of lots, the Warden shall issue to the President of the RCSA (or his or her nominee) an invitation to be present when lots are drawn.

(c) Each defendant shall have the right to object to each member of the Committee. He or she must notify the Secretary in writing by mid-day of the day next but two before the day of the meeting to try the case of any objection and the reasons for that objection. If the Warden having considered the reasons for the objection decides that it is well-founded, he or she shall draw by lot a replacement member of the Committee. No further objections shall be allowed even where there is more than one defendant.

(d) Where the Warden considers the number of Fellows excluded from the drawing of lots is so great that there is a real likelihood that a Disciplinary Committee will not be able to be drawn, the Warden shall have power to include within the drawing of lots, Emeritus and Life Fellows, Fellows in their first year of election and Members of Council, save that, in no case, shall more than two members of Council, the first two drawn, serve on the Disciplinary Committee.

(e) All five members of the Committee shall attend the entire disciplinary hearing save where urgent and grave business compels a member to be absent. Should a member absent himself or herself for any reason from any part of a meeting of the Committee, he or she shall play no further part in the proceedings of the Committee. Should more than one member of the Committee be absent, the proceedings shall be terminated and fresh proceedings commenced before a new Committee. Should the Chairman be unable to act in any particular matter, the Warden shall have power to appoint a substitute Chairman to act in his or her stead.
2. Officers of the Committee and their Functions

(a) The Chairman appointed, as set out above, shall chair the proceedings of the Disciplinary Committee and shall ensure that the proceedings of the Committee are expeditiously and fairly conducted. Prior to the meeting of the Committee, the Chairman shall have power to decide any interlocutory matter that has not been agreed between the Dean and any junior member involved or his or her representative.

(b) The Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee will be a Fellow appointed by Council, after consultation with the junior members, for three years. The Secretary shall ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Disciplinary Committee and in particular shall attend to the administrative arrangements regarding the time and venue of the hearing, the collection and collation of statements made by witnesses for both the prosecution and the defence as well as accommodation of witnesses where necessary. Furthermore, the Secretary shall make a confidential record of the proceedings of the Committee. This record shall be kept permanently within the custody of the Tutorial Office. The Secretary shall also prepare a summary of the proceedings, not containing the names of the defendants, for the guidance of future Committees. The Secretary shall act under the guidance and control of the Chairman.

3. The Rights of the Defendant and Related Matters

The defendant shall have the following rights:

(a) to be fully apprised in a letter written by the Dean at least ten days before the date of the meeting of the Committee of the nature and the circumstances of the complaint against him or her, including the nature, time and place of the alleged offence. He or she shall also be given reasonable notice of the composition of the Committee, the names of the other disciplinary officers, and his or her right of objection; furthermore, the Dean shall, at least five days before the meeting, provide the junior member involved, or his or her representative, with written statements of the evidence to be tendered by the prosecution;

(b) to appear in person at the hearing; should the defendant inform the Secretary that he or she is unable to attend at the time and place arranged, the Committee shall nonetheless meet to determine whether there is good cause for adjournment of the meeting to a time suitable for the defendant and if the Committee decides that there is no good cause for adjournment, or if the defendant chooses not to appear, then the Committee may hear evidence and decide the case in the absence of the defendant;

(c) to be accompanied by a member of the College chosen by the junior member who may give him or her advice and assistance and who may speak on his or her behalf and cross-examine witnesses on his or her behalf; in addition, the junior member’s Tutor shall have the right to be present throughout the proceedings unless the Tutor is a witness (other than a character witness) or the junior member requests the Tutor’s absence;

(d) to offer such defence or to make such statement as he or she may think proper, to call witnesses, to tender relevant written evidence, and to cross-examine witnesses called by the Dean;
(e) save where the matter comes before the Committee by way of an appeal against a decision of the Dean, to appeal against the decision of the Committee to the Council; written notice of appeal shall be given by the appellant to the Warden within seven days of the date on which the decision of the Committee was communicated to him; the Warden shall summon a meeting of Council within fourteen days of such notice; the appeal shall take the form of a re-hearing of the case before Council and the appellant shall have all the rights set out in regulation 3 (a), (b), (c) and (d); the Council may if they consider it necessary for a proper decision, call evidence not considered by the Committee; no member of Council who was a member of the Committee shall take part in the appeal save where participation in the proceedings by members of the Disciplinary Committee is necessary to ensure that Council is quorate; in considering the appeal, Council may have before it the Chairman’s statement of the reasons for the Committee’s decision; a copy of the Chairman’s statement shall also be sent to the appellant at least one week before the hearing.

4. The Conduct of Disciplinary Committee Business

(a) The business of the Committee shall be conducted in as informal a manner as is consistent with fairness to all the parties concerned.

(b) The meeting of the Committee to hear a case shall be conducted in private and the proceedings shall at all times be treated as confidential, save that once the proceedings have come to an end and any appeals have been heard by Council, the President of the RCSA shall be notified in writing by the Secretary of the outcome of the proceedings including any sentence imposed. The RCSA President shall report the outcome of the proceedings to the RCSA Committee. Every member of the College shall have the right to peruse but not to copy the letter of notification. Two years after the proceedings were commenced, the RCSA President shall destroy the notification. When the proceedings before the Committee have terminated for whatever reason and there is no appeal pending against the decision of the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee shall make a brief report to Council which shall determine what further steps should be taken to notify other persons of the outcome of the proceedings.

5. Appeals from the Decision of the Dean

Where a member of the College exercises his or her right of appeal under Statute XXX(3) to the Disciplinary Committee against the decision of the Dean, he or she shall give notice of appeal in writing to the Secretary within seven days of communication to him or her of the Dean’s decision. The Secretary shall thereupon arrange a meeting of the Committee in the manner set forth in regulation 4(b).

Such an appeal shall take the form of a full re-hearing before the Disciplinary Committee and the junior member shall enjoy all the rights of the defendant set out in Disciplinary Regulation 3, above. In particular, the Dean shall bear the onus of satisfying the Committee of the junior member’s guilt; and the junior member will not be obliged to demonstrate his or her innocence.
Appendix 8

CODE OF PRACTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 43 OF THE EDUCATION (NO 2) ACT 1986 GOVERNING MEETINGS HELD ON COLLEGE PREMISES

1. Section 43 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986 places a duty on the College to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that freedom of speech within the law is secured for its members, students and employees and for visiting speakers.

2. Section 43 also requires the College with a view to facilitating the discharge of its duty to secure freedom of speech within the law, to issue and keep up to date a Code of Practice to be followed by students, other members and employees of the College about the organisation of meetings that are to be held on College premises and about the conduct required of those persons in connection with meetings. This Code of Practice, therefore, applies to all students, other members and employees of the College, in respect of all meetings, outdoor and indoor, on College premises including meetings organised by conferences and other outside bodies.

3. The attention of members of the College is drawn to the following College General Regulations (Appendix 6 Information for Junior Members):

9. (i) No member of the College shall intentionally or recklessly disrupt or impede or attempt to disrupt or impede the activities and functions of the College or any meeting held on College premises.

(ii) No member of the College shall intentionally or recklessly impede freedom of speech or lawful assembly on College premises; and no member of the College shall negligently, intentionally, or recklessly fail to give any notice which is required to be given to a College Officer in accordance with the Code of Practice issued in terms of section 43 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986.

4. (i) In order that the College may take the steps necessary to fulfil its duty under section 43, notice of the intention to hold a meeting anywhere on College premises (including within the rooms of junior members) must be given to the College Steward or his designate (usually the Head Porter) on the appropriate “Request to hold an Event” form (obtainable from the Conference Department) by the organisers of the meeting, at least three full days in advance of the meeting, save in the case of meetings in the Auditorium, Umney Theatre or CW Building when five full days’ notice is required. In reckoning the days of notice, Saturday and Sunday shall be excluded.

(ii) The duty to give notice shall not apply to the following meetings:

(a) meetings where the intention of the organisers is that only resident members of the University will be present;

(b) meetings where the expectation of the organisers is that not more than fifty persons will attend and that no persons who are not resident members of the University will address the meeting.
(iii) The “Request to hold an Event” form shall state the name of the member of the College taking responsibility for the meeting, and, details of the event including - the place, the names, addresses and college (if any) of the organisers, the name of the organisation making the arrangements, the name of the expected speaker and whether or not such a speaker is a resident member of the University.

5. The organisers of any meeting held on College premises shall comply with any conditions set by the College authorities in respect of the organisation of the meeting. Such conditions may include the requirement that tickets must be issued for public meetings, that an adequate number of stewards should be available, that the services of porters should be hired, that the police should be consulted about the arrangements, that the time and place of the meeting shall be changed, and that the meeting may be ordered to be cancelled on account of a threatened breach of the peace. The cost of meeting these conditions, and the responsibility for fulfilling them, rests with the Meeting Organisers.

6. The College authorities, including the College Steward, the Tutors and the Conference Organiser, shall in the exercise of their duties in regard to the organisation of meetings, uphold the College’s duty in terms of section 43. However, the College may still deny the use of its premises on any or all of the following grounds:

(a) because of a prior booking or planned use of the room or part of the College in question either by the College or some other body;

(b) because no member of the College is willing to accept responsibility for the meeting in question;

(c) because it is not reasonably practicable to organise the meeting without running an unacceptable risk of serious public disorder occurring at the meeting;

(d) because it is not reasonably practicable for some other reason to organise the meeting as intended by the organisers.

7. The organisers of any meeting on College premises, and persons attending that meeting, must comply with instructions given by any College Officer or any other person authorised to act on behalf of the College (including the University Proctors) in the proper discharge of their duties. Any person attending a meeting who is not a member of the College may be required at any time to leave the College premises, notwithstanding any payment that he or she may have made to attend the meeting. The attention of members of the College is drawn to the following College General Regulations (Appendix 7a Information for Junior Members):

(j) Refuse to disclose his or her name and other relevant details to an officer or an employee or agent of the University or its constituent colleges in circumstances where it is reasonable to require such information to be given;

(k) Decline or refuse to obey any lawful instruction of an officer or employee of the University or its constituent colleges;

8. The provisions of section 43 apply also to the University in respect of all its members, students and employees and visiting speakers. The College may invite the Proctors to enter its premises and authorise them to act in the discharge of their University duties. Members of the College are reminded that the University disciplinary regulations apply on College premises as elsewhere in the precincts of the University, and their attention is particularly drawn to the following University regulations of discipline:
Whereas it is the duty of the University to maintain good order and discipline within the University:

(i) No member of the University shall intentionally or recklessly disrupt or impede or attempt to disrupt or impede the activities and functions of the University, or any part thereof, or of any College.

(ii) No member of the University shall intentionally or recklessly impede freedom of speech or lawful assembly within the precincts of the University. No member of the University shall intentionally or recklessly fail to give any notice which is required to be given to a University officer or a University authority under the terms of a Code of Practice issued under the provisions of section 43 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986.

(iii) All members of the University shall comply with any instructions given by a University officer, or by any other person authorised to act on behalf of the University, in the proper discharge of his or her duties.

(iv) All members of the University shall state their names and the Colleges to which they belong when asked by a Proctor, or other person in authority in the University or in any of the Colleges of the University.

9. The attention of organisers of public meetings and assemblies is drawn to sections 11 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, concerning processions and assemblies. Other legal requirements may affect the conduct of meetings. A speaker who incites an audience to violence or to breach of the peace or to racial hatred commits a criminal offence. Moreover, an assembly of persons, even if directed to lawful purposes, ceases to be lawful if it threatens serious public disorder or breaches of the peace.

10. Any person who is in any doubt about the application of this Code of Practice to any meeting in the College is under an obligation to consult the Bursar who shall determine whether the provisions of the Code apply to the meeting in question.

11. In this Code the phrase “resident member of the University” shall bear its usual meaning save that it shall include resident members of Robinson College.

12. Breach by any member of the College of any of the requirements of this Code may be treated as a serious disciplinary offence.
Appendix 9

Procedure for Handling Cases of Student Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

(For the latest version of the University’s Student Disciplinary Framework, with further explanation, please see: https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2018-19/weekly/6546[section6.shtml#heading2-12])

1. Glossary

1.1. In this procedure the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

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<td>Code of Conduct</td>
<td>The Code of Conduct for Students in respect of Harassment and Sexual Misconduct, as set out in Appendix 1</td>
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<td>Complainant</td>
<td>A Student who has made a complaint under this procedure</td>
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<td>Working Day</td>
<td>Any day except weekends, public holidays, and any other day when the University Offices are closed</td>
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<td>OSCCA</td>
<td>The Office of Student Conduct, Complaints, and Appeals</td>
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<td>Panel</td>
<td>The Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Panel (see paragraph 6.3.1)</td>
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<td>Respondent</td>
<td>A Student about whom a complaint has been made under this procedure</td>
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<td>Student</td>
<td>A person pursuing a course of study leading to the award of a degree, diploma, or certificate of the University</td>
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2. Scope of procedure

2.1. This procedure applies where a Student wishes to complain that the behaviour of another Student contravenes the Code of Conduct and constitutes an offence against the discipline of the University.

2.2. A complaint under this procedure may be brought by or against two or more Students where the complaint is about harassment or sexual misconduct arising from the same event(s). In such cases references in this procedure to the ‘Complainant’ or the ‘Respondent’ shall be construed as appropriate as referring to more than one person.

2.3. A Complainant may choose whether to raise a complaint under this procedure or under an equivalent College procedure, if applicable. However, it is the expectation of the Colleges and the University that this procedure will normally be used where:

(a) the complaint relates to sexual misconduct; or
(b) the complaint relates to conduct occurring in the context of University societies or sports clubs; or
(c) the complaint is brought against Students at more than two Colleges.

2.4. A complaint of harassment or sexual misconduct may be brought under this procedure whether or not it has been reported to the police (but see paragraph 3.6).
2.5. A complaint cannot be brought under this procedure where the Complainant has previously made a complaint about the same event(s) which has been dealt with under the University’s Student Complaints Procedure or a College complaints procedure.

2.6. The General Board shall approve and keep under review explanatory notes, to be read in conjunction with this procedure. Those notes shall include a policy on the use of personal information under this procedure.

3. General principles

3.1. Any reference in this procedure to a University officer or other named role includes a deputy appointed by that officer or role-holder to exercise the functions assigned to that officer under this procedure.

3.2. The University will act reasonably in considering complaints under this procedure, having regard to the individual circumstances of the case. Every effort will be made to ensure that all parties are treated with fairness and dignity.

3.3. The time limits set out in this procedure may be varied by the Head of OSCCA for good reason, after consultation with the Complainant and the Respondent as appropriate.

3.4. A written decision issued in accordance with this procedure shall also include the reasons for that decision.

3.5. The Head of OSCCA may suspend the consideration of a complaint at any stage of this procedure and/or refer the matter for consideration under another procedure, after consultation with the Complainant and the Respondent as appropriate.

3.6. Where the events which are the subject of a complaint under this procedure have been reported to the police, the Head of OSCCA will normally suspend the procedure pending the outcome of any police investigation and/or criminal proceedings.

3.7. If the Head of OSCCA considers that precautionary action is necessary to protect any person or to enable a full and proper investigation of the complaint to be carried out, the Head of OSCCA may refer the matter to the Academic Secretary with a view to the Academic Secretary exercising the discretion under Special Ordinance D (v): Precautionary Action.

3.8. Where, at any point during this procedure, the Complainant and Respondent have agreed to seek alternative resolution of the complaint under paragraph 5 but have been unable to reach an agreed outcome, the Head of OSCCA will consider whether further action should be taken under this procedure and, if so, at what stage.

3.9. The Complainant may withdraw a complaint at any time during this procedure, by notifying the Head of OSCCA in writing. Where a complaint is withdrawn no further action will be taken under this procedure, but the Head of OSCCA may refer the matter for consideration under another University procedure.

3.10. None of the members of any body constituted under this procedure will have any previous knowledge of the case or any material connection with either the Complainant or the Respondent. The holders of the offices to which this procedure refers shall appoint standing deputies to act on their behalf in the event of any conflict of interest.
4. Support and guidance

4.1. The Head of OSCCA will provide advice at the outset to help both Complainants and Respondents to understand this procedure.

4.2. Complainants and Respondents are entitled to be accompanied by a supporter at any meeting held under this procedure. A supporter may be a tutor, student representative, or a friend. Complainants and Respondents are also entitled to be accompanied by a legal representative at such meetings.

5. Alternative resolution

5.1. Alternative resolution may be suitable for dealing with some cases that are brought under this procedure, and Colleges play a key role in supporting such processes. Wherever appropriate, Complainants are encouraged to seek alternative resolution to their concerns before bringing a formal complaint under this procedure.

5.2. Alternative resolution may not be appropriate for some complaints of harassment or sexual misconduct because of the seriousness of the allegations, or because the relationship between the parties has broken down. Some criminal offences – for example serious sexual assault or physical assault – are so severe that the college does not have the appropriate level of forensic skill and investigatory abilities to properly investigate the accusation. In such cases, therefore, the Dean will not be able to take the matter further in College until the accused student accepts full responsibility for the offence. Tutors can and will offer pastoral care, guidance and support in these cases. The Dean will also advise the person making the complaint about referring the matter to the police or to OSCCA.

6. Formal procedure

6.1. Raising a complaint with OSCCA

6.1.1. A Student who wishes to make a complaint under this procedure must do so in writing. The Complainant should set out details of the complaint together with details of any attempts at alternative resolution, if appropriate.

6.1.2. The complaint should be addressed to the Head of OSCCA.

6.1.3. A complaint must be made within three months of the occurrence of the events which are the subject of the complaint (but see paragraph 3.3).

6.1.4. On receipt the complaint will be considered initially by a group comprising the Head of OSCCA, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), and the Secretary of the Senior Tutors’ Committee. The convenor of the group will be the Head of OSCCA. The group will determine (by a majority decision) whether to:

(a) refer the complaint for investigation under paragraph 6.2 of this procedure;
(b) dismiss the complaint because it is considered to be without merit, or vexatious, frivolous, or malicious;
(c) reject the complaint because it does not fall within the scope of this procedure;
(d) decline to refer the complaint for investigation under this procedure and recommend to the Complainant that the complaint is raised under a College procedure;
(e) decline to refer the complaint for investigation under this procedure for other reasons;

(f) recommend to the Complainant that alternative resolution of the complaint is sought.

6.1.5. The Head of OSCCA will notify the Complainant in writing of the decision of the group within ten Working Days of receipt of the written complaint.

6.1.6. In the event that a decision of the group falls within paragraph 6.1.4(b)–(f) and the Complainant is unhappy with that decision, the Complainant shall have the right to request a review of that decision in accordance with paragraph 6.6. The review will be considered by a Panel appointed in accordance with paragraph 6.3.1.

6.2. **Investigation**

6.2.1. Where a complaint is referred for investigation, the Head of OSCCA will appoint an investigator to carry out an investigation of the case. The role of the investigator is to prepare a report, which sets out the undisputed facts of the case and any points of difference and makes recommendations based on the evidence and policies in place.

6.2.2. The investigator shall conduct the investigation as the investigator thinks fit, within the context of the general principles set out in paragraph 3 and the explanatory notes issued by the General Board under paragraph 2.6. The investigator may interview (with their consent) the Complainant and the Respondent and any other person involved in the events which are the subject of the complaint and consider or request any other evidence which appears to the investigator to be relevant.

6.2.3. When or before inviting the Respondent to interview, the investigator must:

(a) give the Respondent (and, if relevant, his or her representative) sufficient information to enable the Respondent to understand the nature of the alleged misconduct, including for example a broad summary of the evidence and the number and identities of those involved, together with the place where, and time when, the misconduct is alleged to have been carried out;

(b) notify the Respondent that he or she does not have to say anything and that no adverse inferences may be drawn from the Respondent's failure to attend for interview or otherwise participate in the investigation;

(c) warn the Respondent that the University may be required to provide as evidence in any subsequent criminal investigation or proceedings in a court of law information regarding the complaint, including any admission made in the course of this procedure (and/or any made during mediation or any subsequent disciplinary proceedings) and that any admission made in the course of this procedure may also be used as evidence in University disciplinary proceedings, save that the University will abide by the confidentiality of any mediation, and anything which is said in the course of mediation will not be used in evidence in any University disciplinary proceedings;

(d) remind the Respondent that he or she is entitled to seek independent legal advice, and provide sufficient notice of the interview as the Respondent may reasonably require to secure such advice if he or she wishes.

6.2.4 Where the Respondent declines to cooperate with an investigation, the investigator may still continue with the investigation in the absence of the Respondent's cooperation. The investigator will aim to complete the investigation within twenty Working Days of the complaint being referred for investigation, but some cases may require longer, in which case the investigator will keep the Complainant and the Respondent informed about progress.
6.2.5. On receipt of the investigator’s report, the Head of OSCCA may:

(a) refer the complaint for consideration by a Harassment and Sexual Assault Panel under paragraph 6.3; or

(b) decide to deal with the complaint under paragraph 6.3 without reference to the Panel.

6.3. **Consideration of the case**

6.3.1. If the case is referred to a Panel, the Registry will appoint three members of the University, one of whom shall be a Student, to serve.

6.3.2. The Head of OSCCA or the Panel shall consider the complaint and the report prepared by the investigator. The Head of OSCCA or the Panel may meet (with their consent) the Complainant and/or the Respondent and any other person involved in the events which are the subject of the complaint.

6.3.3. Having considered the complaint and the report, and following any meeting(s) under paragraph 6.3.2, the Head of OSCCA or the Panel (by a majority decision) may:

(a) refer the complaint for consideration under the University’s disciplinary procedures (see paragraph 6.5);

(b) dismiss the complaint because it is considered to be without merit, or vexatious, frivolous, or malicious;

(c) decide that no further action should be taken under this procedure;

(d) recommend to the Complainant and the Respondent that they should seek alternative resolution of the complaint;

(e) propose one or more of the resolutions set out in paragraph 6.4.1.

6.3.4. The Complainant and the Respondent will be notified in writing of the decision of the Head of OSCCA or the Panel under paragraph 6.3.3 within twenty Working Days.

6.3.5. In the event that a decision of the Head of OSCCA or the Panel falls within paragraph 6.3.3(b)–(e) and the Complainant is unhappy with that decision, the Complainant shall have the right to request a review of that decision in accordance with paragraph 6.6. The review will be considered by a committee of three persons appointed by the Registry, one as Chair of the committee.

6.4. **Resolutions**

6.4.1. The Head of OSCCA or the Panel may propose a resolution to the complaint, which may include (but are not limited to) the following:

(a) that the Respondent will agree to abide by a conduct agreement issued by the Head of OSCCA, a record of which will be retained by the University and which may be taken into account if a further complaint is made against the Respondent under this procedure;

(b) with the prior approval of the relevant body, that the Respondent will take a period of intermission from study;

(c) that the Respondent will attend behaviour awareness training or workshops.

6.4.2. Both the Complainant and the Respondent must agree to the proposed resolution of the complaint. The Head of OSCCA will facilitate the process of reaching agreement between the Complainant and the Respondent and will issue written confirmation of any agreed resolution(s) to the Complainant and the Respondent.
6.4.3. If attempts at reaching an agreed resolution are unsuccessful the Head of OSCCA shall refer the complaint for consideration under the University’s disciplinary procedures in accordance with paragraph 6.5.

6.4.4. If there are grounds to believe that the Respondent has failed to comply with the terms of an agreed resolution, the Head of OSCCA shall determine whether the complaint should be referred for consideration under the University's disciplinary procedures in accordance with paragraph 6.5.

6.5. Disciplinary proceedings

6.5.1. Where the Head of OSCCA or the Panel refers a complaint for consideration under the University’s disciplinary procedures, it will be referred to the University Advocate in accordance with Special Ordinance D (iv) or to any other relevant officer. The University Advocate or other relevant officer will be provided with a copy of all relevant material, including the report of the investigator and a copy of the decision of the Head of OSCCA or the Panel.

6.5.2. The University Advocate or other relevant officer may decide to:
   (a) invoke disciplinary proceedings against the Respondent;
   (b) refer the case back to the Head of OSCCA for further attempts at an agreed resolution;
   (c) take no further action.

6.5.3. The Complainant and the Respondent will be notified in writing of the decision of the University Advocate or other relevant officer within twenty Working Days.

6.5.4. Where the University Advocate or other relevant officer decides to take no further action, the Complainant shall have the right to request a review of that decision in accordance with paragraph 6.6. The review will be considered by a committee of three persons appointed by the Registrary, one as Chair of the committee.

6.5.5. Where disciplinary proceedings are brought against the Respondent, a copy of all relevant material, including the report of the investigator and a copy of the decision of the Head of OSCCA or the Panel will be made available to the relevant disciplinary body.

6.6. Review

6.6.1. In accordance with paragraphs 6.1.6, 6.3.5, or 6.5.4 of this procedure, the Complainant may seek the review of a decision made under this procedure. The review will be carried out by the body specified in the relevant paragraph.

6.6.2. A request for a review shall be made in writing and sent to the Registrary within 15 Working Days of written notification of the decision (unless, for good reason, the Registrary permits a longer period). The request for review shall specify the grounds for review which may be only one or more of the following:
   (a) that there was material procedural irregularity in the consideration of the Complainant’s case;
   (b) that there was bias or prejudice on the part of the decision-maker;
   (c) that the decision reached was perverse in that it was one which no reasonable decision-maker could have reached on the available evidence;
   (d) that fresh material evidence is available, which was not available and/or not presented for good reason at the time of the original decision.

6.6.3. The request for a review should be accompanied by supporting documentation.
6.6.4. The reviewing body will consider the request for review and the documentation available to the original decision-maker. The reviewing body may, at its discretion, hold a hearing and regulate arrangements for the conduct of the hearing.

6.6.5. The reviewing body will issue an adjudication in writing as soon as possible, which shall normally be within twenty Working Days of the receipt of the request for a review or (if a hearing is held) within ten Working Days of the hearing. The reviewing body shall have power to confirm, quash, or amend the original decision or refer it back to the decision-maker for further consideration.

7. Reporting

7.1. An annual report of complaints considered under this procedure will be made to the Council, the General Board, and the Colleges, in which references to individual cases will be made anonymously.

7.2. The Head of OSCCA will be responsible for the regular review of this procedure.

Annex I

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS IN RESPECT OF HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The University is committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination and affirms the right of all members to be treated with dignity and respect. The University will not tolerate harassment of one member of its community by another nor sexual misconduct. The University takes allegations of harassment and sexual misconduct very seriously and may take action, including disciplinary action, in response to a complaint from a student.

The University defines harassment as single or repeated incidents involving unwanted or unwarranted conduct towards another person which it is reasonable to think would have the effect of (i) violating that other’s dignity or (ii) creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating, or offensive environment for that other.

Harassment may be verbal, psychological, or physical, in person or via a virtual platform, or through other methods of contact. Harassment may occur in the course of an academic, sporting, social, cultural, or other activity either within the Precincts of the University or elsewhere in the context of a person’s membership of the University, or in circumstances where the victim of the harassment is a member, officer, or employee of the University or a College.

Under this Code of Conduct unacceptable behaviour, whether intentional or not, can take a variety of different forms. The following descriptions are not exhaustive, but give an indication of the types of behaviour which the University considers to be unacceptable:

- making sexually offensive comments about dress or appearance, the display or distribution of sexually explicit material, or demands for sexual favours;
- engaging in harassment on the grounds of a person’s sexuality (or assumptions about a person’s sexuality) including making derogatory homophobic, transphobic, or biphobic remarks or jokes aimed at a particular person, offensive comments relating to a person’s sexuality, refusal to acknowledge a person’s gender or identity, or threats to disclose a person’s sexuality to others;
- making offensive references to a person’s race, ethnicity, skin colour, religion or nationality, dress, culture, background or customs which have the effect of ridiculing or undermining an individual or fostering hatred and/or prejudice towards individuals or particular groups;
ignoring, disparaging, or ridiculing a person because of mistaken assumptions about their capabilities, or making offensive reference to an individual's appearance, in the context of their disability;

- controlling or coercive behaviour, such as pressure to subscribe to a particular political or religious belief.

Online harassment may take the form of intimidating, offensive, or graphic posts on social media sites or chat rooms, or communications by email, text, or instant messaging.

Sexual misconduct includes the following, whether or not within a sexual or romantic relationship, including where consent to some form of sexual activity has been given and then withdrawn, or if consent has been given on previous occasions:

- sexual intercourse or engaging in a sexual act without consent;
- attempting to engage in sexual intercourse or engaging in a sexual act without consent;
- sharing private sexual materials of another person without consent;
- kissing without consent;
- touching inappropriately through clothes without consent;
- inappropriately showing sexual organs to another person;
- repeatedly following another person without good reason;
- making unwanted remarks of a sexual nature.

Footnotes
1 See Regulation 6 of the General Regulations for Discipline.
2 See Regulation 2 of the regulations for Residence and Precincts of the University.

Annex II

Explanatory Notes on Handling Cases of Student Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

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2. Scope of procedure

2.1 This procedure applies only to complaints by students about the conduct of other students. The Head of OSCCA will be able to advise on the correct procedure for other types of complaint made by or about students.

Because this procedure places an emphasis on reaching consensual resolution, complaints made by a third party and anonymous complaints will not normally be accepted (see paragraph 2 of the Policy in the Appendix). College Tutors and others may wish to discuss alternatives to the use of this procedure with the Head of OSCCA.

In cases where a complaint is referred for consideration under the University’s disciplinary procedures, there are different disciplinary procedures applicable depending on whether the Respondent is a matriculated student or not.

Matriculated students, i.e. all those pursuing a degree course, will be subject to the University’s General Regulations for Discipline and the disciplinary procedure set out in the University’s Statutes and Ordinances.
Non-matriculated students studying for a diploma or certificate will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the University institution responsible for their course of study.\(^1\)

For the purposes of the University's General Regulations for Discipline, a definition of harassment is set out in Regulation 6 (Statutes and Ordinances, p. 191). This definition covers acts of sexual misconduct. Under Regulation 6, a member of the University or person in statu pupillari commits a breach of the General Regulations for Discipline if that person engages in an act of harassment against another member, officer, or employee of the University or a College in any circumstances.

Complaints about the behaviour of officers of the Cambridge University Students’ Union or the Graduate Union in the course of their duties should be referred to the relevant Union.

2.3. Sub-paragraph (c) anticipates a complaint in which there is more than one Complainant and/or Respondent, in accordance with paragraph 2.2.

2.4. Bringing a complaint under this procedure does not prevent the Complainant from reporting the matter to the police at any time. See also paragraph 3.6 concerning suspension of this procedure pending the outcome of any police investigation and/or criminal proceedings. The University will support the Complainant in reaching a decision on whether to make a complaint to the police.

See the Appendix regarding the exceptional circumstances in which the Head of OSCCA may report the matter to the police.

2.5. A complaint that has been dismissed by a College will be treated as one which has been dealt with by the College for the purpose of this procedure.

3. General principles

3.2. A Complainant who believes that he or she has suffered any reprisal, or has received a threat of reprisal, as a result of making a complaint in good faith should raise the matter with the Head of OSCCA.

The Head of OSCCA will keep the Complainant and the Respondent informed of the general progress of the complaint. Where a complaint under this procedure leads to disciplinary proceedings, the Complainant will be kept informed of the progress in the proceedings and will be formally notified of the outcome of any disciplinary hearing and any sanctions applied.

3.5. The Head of OSCCA may suspend the consideration of a complaint and recommend to the Complainant that he or she should raise it under an external complaints procedure (see also paragraph 6.1.4 concerning College complaints procedures).

The Head of OSCCA may refer a case for consideration under one or more of the following internal procedures:

- the University’s Fitness to Study procedure (Statutes and Ordinances, p. 225) or an equivalent College procedure
- the University’s Fitness to Practise procedures (Statutes and Ordinances, p. 207 and p. 215)
3.6.  *Guidance for Higher Education Institutions* recommends that, if a matter is being dealt with under the criminal process, then, save for taking any necessary precautionary action (see paragraph 3.7), any internal disciplinary process should be suspended until the criminal process is at an end.

3.7. Under Special Ordinance D (v), the Academic Secretary has authority to take precautionary action where any matter is being dealt with under a University procedure or as part of a criminal process.

Where the risk is not considered high enough to require the suspension of a student in full from the student’s studies, it may still be necessary to exclude the student from certain University facilities or premises, or impose conditions on the student’s access to such facilities and premises. If appropriate, a College or Colleges may be consulted and agree to exclude the student from certain College facilities or accommodation. Precautionary action may include a requirement that the student should have no contact of any kind with named individuals, for example, the complainant or potential witnesses.

This action is not intended to be a punishment and it does not make any presumption of wrongdoing. It is to protect both parties whilst the allegation is being dealt with under a University procedure or as part of a criminal process, and/or to ensure that a full and proper investigation (whether by the police or the University) can be carried out.

If a student breaches any restrictions that have been imposed, this may be a breach of the General Regulations for Discipline. A breach can be considered as part of any subsequent University investigation of the original complaint or as a separate matter. A breach of the restrictions may be considered to increase the level of risk to the University community and therefore may increase the level of restriction subsequently imposed upon a student.

3.9. A Complainant who is considering whether to withdraw a complaint may wish to discuss the matter with those able to offer support as listed in the note to paragraph 4.2.

3.10. No person serving under this procedure as a member of a decision-making body or as an investigator will have any previous knowledge of the case or any material connection to the Complainant or the Respondent. Normally no person who is a member of the Department/Faculty or College of the Complainant or the Respondent will be involved in consideration of the case. The Complainant or the Respondent (or their representatives) will be entitled to object to the involvement of an individual for good cause. Standing deputies are appointed on a rolling basis, without reference to a specific complaint.

4. **Support and guidance**

4.2. The Head of OSCCA will be able to direct both Complainants and Respondents to the following sources of advice and support:

- personal support available within the collegiate University and in the local community
- guidance and support for seeking alternative resolution of the complaint, including mediation
- legal advice and representation available free of charge from a panel of volunteers in the Faculty of Law; a list is available from the Secretary to the Faculty Board of Law.
The Appendix sets out the University’s policy on the use of personal information under this procedure. A copy of the Appendix should normally be provided to Complainants, Respondents, and witnesses to events relating to the complaint so that they understand how their personal information will be used and the limits on confidentiality. The policy explains how information may be shared with certain University and College officers.

The Complainant and the Respondent can be accompanied to any meeting under the procedure by a College tutor, a student representative, or a friend. ‘Student representative’ in this context means a CUSU or GU officer or an advisor with the Student Union Advice Service. In addition, each is entitled, if they wish, to be accompanied by a legal representative; the officer convening a first meeting under the procedure will normally remind the Complainant/Respondent of this in writing.

5. **Alternative resolution**

See the note on paragraph 4.2 above.

6. **Formal procedure**

6.1.1. A formal written complaint should be addressed to the Head of OSCCA and sent to the postal or email address above, using the form available online at [URL]. Anonymous complaints will not normally be accepted; see the Appendix.

6.1.4. If a complaint does not fall within the scope of this procedure, it may nevertheless be referred for consideration under another procedure; see the note on paragraph 3.5 above.

See paragraph 2.3 concerning the complaints which would ordinarily be considered under this University procedure; the group may agree to consult with the Complainant and/or the College before deciding whether to decline a complaint and recommend its referral for consideration under that College’s equivalent procedure.

The University reserves the right, after due consideration, to take no further action and may decline to refer the matter for investigation under this procedure for any reason, for example, because it lacks the necessary investigatory powers or forensic capability.

6.2.1. The Head of OSCCA will appoint an investigator from a pool of investigators (which may include external investigators) who have undergone training in investigating complaints under this procedure.

6.2.2. The following sets out the normal format of the investigation. The investigator will offer to have individual meetings with the Complainant and with the Respondent, and may also seek to have a meeting with any witnesses. Witnesses may be accompanied at a meeting by a supporter and/or legal representative in the same way as the Complainant and the Respondent are entitled to be accompanied. Each meeting will be minuted and the minutes agreed with those present as a correct record (or any disagreement noted), at which point any other record of the meeting will be destroyed.

6.2.3. When the Respondent is reminded that he or she is entitled to seek independent legal advice, reference will be made to the availability of legal advice and representation free of charge from a panel of volunteers in the Faculty of Law (see paragraph 4.2 above).

6.2.5. The Head of OSCCA will normally refer a complaint alleging sexual misconduct to the Panel.

6.3.2. Both the Head of OSCCA and the Panel have discretion as to whom they meet.
6.3.5. The Registrary shall normally appoint members from among those appointed to serve on the panels of the Discipline Committee and University Tribunal and as reviewers under the Student Complaints Procedure.

6.4.1. See the Appendix. A conduct agreement may include an undertaking by the Respondent to refrain from contact with the Complainant for a specified period of time.

The relevant body for the purpose of the consideration of a request for intermission will be the Board of Graduate Studies for applications concerning graduate students and the Council's Applications Committee for applications concerning other students. Approval may be granted by Chair's action on behalf of the relevant body.

6.4.4. Where there is evidence of conduct constituting a failure to comply with an agreed resolution, the Head of OSCCA may decide that the original complaint should be referred for consideration under disciplinary procedures under paragraph 6.4.4. The Head of OSCCA may also consider whether a referral under the University's disciplinary procedures should be made in respect of the conduct which is alleged to constitute a breach of the terms of the agreed resolution.

6.5.1. See the Appendix.

6.5.4. See the note on paragraph 6.3.5 above.

6.5.5. See the Appendix.

6.6.5. Save where the reviewing body refers the original decision back to the decision-maker for further consideration, the adjudication in writing that is issued by the reviewing body will complete the University's internal procedures in relation to the complaint and, when the adjudication is sent to the Complainant, it should be accompanied by a Completion of Procedures letter in a form which accords with guidance published by the Office of the Independent Adjudicator from time to time.

Footnotes

• 1See the Administering Bodies under the regulations for Diplomas and Certificates open to Non-members of the University (Statutes and Ordinances, p. 574).

• 2Guidance for Higher Education Institutions on How to Handle Alleged Student Misconduct which may also Constitute a Criminal Offence prepared and written by Pinsent Masons and published by Universities UK in October 2016.

• 3See the regulations for the Board of Graduate Studies, Statutes and Ordinances, p. 120.

• 4See the General Regulations for Admission as a Graduate Student, Statutes and Ordinances, p. 421.

• 5See the regulations for Allowances to Candidates for Examinations, Statutes and Ordinances, p. 229.
Appendix: Policy on the use of personal information under the Procedure for Handling Cases of Student Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

_A copy is to be provided to the Complainant, the Respondent, and any witnesses at the earliest contact._

1. The overall purpose of processing personal data in the context of the investigation and resolution of complaints of harassment and sexual misconduct is to decide what steps can appropriately be taken in response to such complaints. Personal data will be disclosed only to those persons who need to see such data for the purposes of conducting an investigation, determining or recommending a resolution, or deciding what other steps can appropriately be taken. Such persons may include the Head of OSCCA, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), the Secretary of the Senior Tutors’ Committee, the Academic Secretary, members of the Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Panel, the investigator assigned to the case, solicitors in the University's Legal Services Office, the University Advocate (or other relevant officer), and members of any committee constituted under the procedure for the purposes of considering a review. An investigation under the procedure is not intended to arrive at a conclusion as to whether a breach of disciplinary regulations has been committed. In the circumstances, documentation generated in the course of an investigation under the procedure may not be disclosed in full to the Complainant and the Respondent except in so far as is reasonably necessary to conduct and to progress a fair investigation or a person has explicitly consented to the disclosure of personal data to the extent that the data relate to her or him.

2. In the interest of fairness to all parties, the University will not normally accept an anonymous complaint under this procedure. Where a complaint is brought under the procedure, the identity of the Complainant may be provided to the Respondent (and the Respondent’s supporter and legal representative, if applicable), together with sufficient information to enable the Respondent to understand the gist or substance of the complaint. If you have concerns about the sharing of information between the Complainant and Respondent you should seek advice from the Head of OSCCA.

3. For both the student making the complaint and the student against whom the complaint has been made, the University will seek your written consent before providing the following people with a summary of the complaint, including your name, so that they are aware of the complaint and able to assist in providing you with support:

   - Your College Senior Tutor
   - Your Personal Tutor or Graduate Tutor

   In some cases, your written consent may also be sought to disclose information to the following:

   - Your Head of Department or Faculty
   - Your Supervisor (if you are a research student)

4. The investigator’s report will normally be released to the Complainant and the Respondent, but the minutes of any individual meetings will not usually be disclosed with the report. If the matter subsequently becomes the subject of disciplinary proceedings and the decision is taken to charge the Respondent, the Complainant’s written complaint and the minutes of any individual meetings with the Complainant and the Respondent and/or with any witnesses will form part of the evidence in those proceedings and can therefore be expected to be disclosed to both sides in full at that point.
5. The University will normally respect the wishes of a person who is the victim of a crime and does not wish to report the matter to the police. However, in exceptional circumstances, where the facts as they emerge give rise to concerns that there is a significant risk to members of the community, the Head of OSCCA may decide to refer the matter to the police. Unless there are exceptional reasons related to the case, the Head of OSCCA will normally inform the Complainant of the intention to report the matter to the police and give reasons before doing so.

6. The University may be required to provide as evidence in any subsequent criminal investigation or proceedings in a court of law information regarding the complaint, including any admission made in the course of this procedure (and/or any made during mediation or any subsequent disciplinary proceedings). Any admission made in the course of this procedure may also be used as evidence in University disciplinary proceedings, save that the University will abide by the confidentiality of any mediation and anything which is said in the course of mediation will not be used in evidence in any University disciplinary proceedings.

7. Following completion of the procedure, the investigator’s report and a record of the outcome, including any conduct agreement entered into by the Respondent, will be retained securely by the Head of OSCCA usually for not more than one year beyond the Respondent’s period of study at the University. This information will be used for the purposes of responding to any complaints regarding the application of this procedure as well as for compiling anonymous statistics regarding its use. Further, where any complaint is subsequently submitted under this procedure by the same Complainant, or by a different complainant, in respect of the same Respondent, giving the University reasonable cause for concern regarding an emerging pattern of potential harassment and/or sexual misconduct, this information may be taken into account by the Head of OSCCA or the Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Panel, as appropriate, in reaching a decision under paragraph 6.3.3 of the procedure, and may also be provided to the University Advocate or other relevant officer if relevant for the purposes of conducting disciplinary proceedings or referral for consideration under another procedure under paragraph 3.5 of this procedure.

8. Nothing in this policy is intended to prejudice any rights of access to personal data which any person may have under the Data Protection Act 1998 or otherwise.

9. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact the Head of OSCCA in the first instance.
Appendix 10

PREVENT DUTY – INTRODUCTION

Under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, The University (and through it the College) has a statutory duty to have ‘due regard to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism’. This is known as the Prevent Duty.

Robinson 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.

The College has detailed policies for the management of internal and external events held in College, which include procedures for booking, and risk assessment of such events. The following activities shall not be permitted in Robinson College.

- Speeches or activities directly or indirectly promoting violence or which may promote or advance the radicalisation of College members (in this context ‘radicalisation’ refers to the act of inciting others to support terrorism or commit acts of terrorism).
- The presence of any speakers, visitors, or guests whose influence or activity, in the view of the College, carries a reasonable likelihood of risk to the health or safety of any University member(s) and/or any member(s) or of the general public.
- Activities of any kind which disregard the safety of participants and/or onlookers.

Additional to these processes, both on the college website and in the Junior Members Handbook, students are made aware of a Code of Conduct they are expected to follow and a Code of Practice Governing Meetings held on College Premises.

Key staff members undertake Prevent Training to increase their awareness of the risks of radicalisation and the signs that may be observed, such as changes that they may see in a student’s behaviour. Equally students may become aware of changes in their fellow students that they find unusual or perhaps worrying. These may not be of any importance but nevertheless, it is worth mentioning your observations to the College Steward, the Senior Tutor and/or the Tutorial Office. If you are in any doubt, about whether what you have seen is relevant, please report it and let others make the decision.
The University of Cambridge Sports Centre

Working with Robinson College

The University of Cambridge Sports Centre is open to everyone and offers some great facilities. Opened in 2013, the University Sports Centre has a Gym, Strength & Conditioning room, Sports Hall, Squash and Fives courts, Studios and a Team Training Room used by University Club squads and international performance athletes. We offer a wide range of sports clubs and fitness classes for both members and casual users.

Cambridge Sport Membership

Our Cambridge Sport Membership is more than just a gym. We want to ensure our members have access to variety in their fitness routines allowing them to do so much more than pound the treadmill. Cambridge Sport Membership includes:

- Access to the Gym
- Access to the Strength & Conditioning Room
- Badminton Court Hire
- Squash Court Hire
- Fives Court Hire
- Use of Wilberforce Road Athletics Track
- Fitness Classes
- Personal Programs

Working with Robinson College

We currently offer two annual options for Cambridge Sport Membership. A 12 month option and an academic year option. The Sports Service have agreed to discount the annual costs by 20% for first time members from Robinson College.

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*These memberships benefit from the “Universal Gym” Scheme allowing access to 50 other University Gyms encouraging these members to use these facilities when visiting or during vacations.
Health & Wellbeing

In addition to these discounted membership prices, we would like to offer Robinson College Staff and Students Health & Wellbeing Support. This would take shape in a termly Wellbeing seminar promoting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle including benefits of exercise, healthy eating and other things that can have a positive effect on academic achievement.

To engage with the College community, activities such as quizzes on wellbeing, lifestyle wheel sessions and question & answer sessions with suitably qualified fitness professionals are examples of some of the things that we can offer.

We would also be delighted to offer organised tours exclusively to Robinson College students during their Induction week.
Appendix 12

Robinson College

*Fitness to Study Procedure*³

1. College Statement

1.1 This College procedure can be applied if there is any question as to the fitness of a student to proceed with his/her studies. There are a variety of circumstances when this may be activated (see further section 3, below). Sometimes fitness will be a matter of physical state (for instance some protracted or severe illness). It could be the mental or social state of the student, or it might relate to circumstances arising in the student’s family or surroundings that could have a significant impact on his/her ability to study effectively. Cases may be raised directly by a student, by his/her friends, by a supervisor, Director of Studies or Tutor or be relayed from elsewhere in the University. The Senior Tutor may consider that the identity of the individual or individuals raising the concern may need to be withheld or protected at any stage in the procedure in exceptional circumstances. Anonymous referrals shall only be acted upon in exceptional circumstances as the Senior Tutor sees fit, having regard to the seriousness of the issues raised and the fairness to any individuals mentioned in the referral.

1.2 The College understands students with mental health conditions are often highly aware of their difficulties and needs, that they act responsibly in seeking help, and that doing so is right. Asking for help does not necessarily engage this more formal process of assessment. Occasionally a situation that would normally have been considered cause for a disciplinary hearing of some sort will be judged to call for pastoral rather than punitive action and will be fed into this scheme.

1.3 'Fitness to study' as used in this document relates to the entire student experience, and not just a student's ability to engage with their studies. The College and University expect students to be able to live and work in harmony with others, and not to conduct themselves in a way which has an adverse impact on themselves or those around them. This procedure is not designed to address academic performance issues (which will be dealt with under the normal academic assessment and monitoring procedures) or disciplinary issues (which will be dealt with under normal disciplinary procedures) except where they clearly result from a fitness to study issue where the normal procedures may not be appropriate.

1.4 A student’s fitness to study may be called into question if illness, mental health difficulties, psychological or emotional problems, or personality disorders are seriously

³ This procedure is taken from that by Trinity College, with adaptations.
disrupting his/her own studies or the studies of others, or result in unreasonable demands being placed on staff or other students.

1.5 If concerns are raised whilst a student is on authorised study away from Cambridge (e.g. is on a Year Abroad, has leave to Work Away, or is on a placement), the College may discuss with the other institution and the University Department, where appropriate, alternative arrangements that might address any concerns. Such alternative arrangements do not, however, exclude further steps being taken under these Fitness to Study procedures.

1.6 Unless the student is still legally a child (that is not yet 18 years old), parents/guardians may only be informed that the fitness to study procedure has been invoked with the express consent of the student. Such consent should be communicated to the Senior Tutor.

1.7 The overriding aim of Robinson’s procedure is to find a balance so that proper support is put in place for students to enable them to fulfil their potential while not allowing potential disruption or distraction to go untreated. Students should be given a clear understanding of the routes open to them to enable them to fulfil their potential and the procedures that the College and University will apply when dealing with them. To this end the scheme is described in terms of three stages:

1.8 Stage 1 normally commences when a potential cause for concern is raised often by others. In extreme or urgent cases it will be possible to escalate instantly to Stages 2 or 3. Stage 1 attempts to maintain as informal a style as possible: the student will meet with his/her Tutor and will have an opportunity to discuss why issues of fitness to study have been raised. In some cases, at the end of such a meeting all will end up reassured and no further action will be needed, but more often some equally informal follow-up will be established to confirm that whatever gave rise to concern has been resolved. The Tutor will be able to explain University options (e.g. sometimes the availability of the Disability Resource Centre or Counselling Service, sometimes the procedures for special arrangements for sitting exams, or for seeking examination allowances). If all parties are satisfied this may complete the proceedings, but any case of disagreement or for issues that prove difficult to resolve at that level either the student or the College can escalate the case to Stage 2.

1.9 Stage 2 is similar in intent to stage 1, and happens entirely within the College, but involves a small panel who can take views directly from the student and collect reports from others who may be involved. Its discussions will be recorded and the object of the exercise is to bring in some independent but experienced voices and seek ways in which whatever might have been disrupting or appearing to disrupt the student’s progress or ability to function fully in the College environment are resolved so as to allow the student to proceed through his/her course and graduate successfully.

1.10 If problems remain beyond Stage 2, the College will take advantage of the University’s procedure to determine fitness to study (set out at https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html) which is broadly similar in structure to Stage 2 but that is (a) further independent of the College and hence may be valuable if there could be seen to be any conflicts of interest arising in any internal process and (b) has stronger ultimate powers to enforce solutions in extreme cases, up to and including excluding a student from the University either on a temporary or permanent basis. It is anticipated that few cases will reach this level, i.e. Stage 3.
1.11 Incoming undergraduates are sent a copy of the College’s Fitness to Study Procedure (included in the Junior Members’ Handbook) and of the University’s Procedure to Determine Fitness to Study, as set out in the University’s Statutes and Ordinances. The scheme as a whole applies to all junior members (both postgraduates and undergraduates) as well as to exchange students, students while on their year abroad and/or out of residence for any other reason. It should be stressed that the Fitness to Study procedures are seen as part of the provision of pastoral care within the College and University and not as any form of disciplinary process, and that it is very much hoped that what is called ‘Stage 1’ here in fact reflects what has been current practice for many years - with now the stages beyond that merely codifying how a Tutor can escalate issues that they have found intractable.

2. Introduction to the Procedure

2.1 This procedure sets out the steps which will be taken by the College and University when there is concern that a student’s behaviour or health has the potential to disrupt or threaten the welfare or academic progress of the student, or of others in the academic community. It applies to all matriculated students.

2.2 Where a student has such problems, it may not be appropriate for him/her to be subject to normal disciplinary proceedings, but the problems may be such in their impact on the student or others that there is no option but to suspend or terminate his/her other studies under Stage 3.

2.3 Decisions made concerning a student’s fitness to study are made through a collective supportive process, after appropriate consultation and after consideration of the student’s ability to study, learn effectively and to complete his/her course successfully.

2.4 The Fitness to Study procedure is in three stages:

Stage 1: Informal College action (discussion with the student and encouragement to seek support)
Stage 2: College Case Review Group (more structured meeting with action plan)
Stage 3: Fitness to Study Panel (formal consideration, conducted under the University’s Procedure to Determine Fitness to Study: https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html, which includes powers for the student to be temporarily suspended pending consideration of his or her case)

2.5 Cases can be considered via each stage, or serious cases can be taken directly to Stage 2 or 3.

2.6 Stages 1 and 2 are managed by the College regardless of whether the concerns are raised by members of this College, another College, or the student’s Faculty or Department. Stage 3 involves a Panel of members appointed as set out here: https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html. The Panel is empowered to take decisions on behalf of the University, and to make recommendations to the College.
2.7 The procedure allows for temporary suspension by the University in cases causing very serious concern.

2.8 The procedure is separate from disciplinary and academic progress procedures; and from Fitness to Practise procedures.

3. Circumstances under which this procedure may be implemented

3.1 A student's fitness to study may be brought into question as a result of a wide range of circumstances. These include (but are not restricted to) the following:

(a) Serious concerns about the student emerge from a third party which indicate that there is a need to address the student’s fitness to study.
(b) The student has told a member of the College that he/she has a problem, and/or has provided information which indicates that there is a need to address his or her fitness to study.
(c) The student's disposition is such that it indicates that there may be a need to address an underlying problem because his or her behaviour is causing him/her serious problems or serious problems to others.
(d) Behaviour that would otherwise be dealt with as a disciplinary matter, but is considered the possible result of an underlying physical or mental health problem.
(e) The student's academic performance or persistent behaviour is not acceptable and this is thought to be the result of an underlying problem which may mean he/she is not fit to study.

3.2 If staff within the College, or the student’s Faculty or Department, have concerns regarding a student's fitness to study they should discuss them with the Senior Tutor. The Senior Tutor will then investigate and consider whether it is appropriate to initiate the fitness to study procedure.

3.3 The severity of the problem and the student's engagement with efforts to respond to it will determine which stage of the procedure is invoked.

4. Stage 1 - Informal Action by the College

4.1 If the Senior Tutor determines that concerns about a student’s fitness to study warrant initiation of the procedure, a member of College staff designated by the Senior Tutor to handle the case at Stage 1 should approach the student and explain to him or her that concerns about his or her fitness to study have emerged. The designated person would usually be the student’s College Tutor, but might be a College nurse or other member of the pastoral support team. Should the Tutor or other member of staff require advice or guidance on how to approach the matter, he or she should contact the Senior Tutor.

4.2 The designated member of College staff should make the student aware of the precise nature of the behaviour that has caused the concerns about the student’s fitness to study to be raised. The designated member of staff, involving others as appropriate will attempt to resolve the matter by informal discussions with the student. The student should be given the opportunity to explain his or her own views on the matter, and be encouraged to think about
using one or more of the support services offered by the University or the College. It may also be necessary to consider whether all ‘reasonable adjustments’ to the academic arrangements and support have been put in place to enable the student to study effectively.

4.3 In most cases issues can be resolved at this level, and the student will respond positively. It may be necessary to obtain independent corroboration as to whether support offered is being taken up.

4.4 A review period should be determined by agreement between the designated member of the College and the student. At the end of this period a meeting should be held to discuss steps taken by the student to address the concerns about his or her fitness to study. If the concerns have been addressed satisfactorily, this will be noted. Further meetings may be scheduled to continue to monitor the situation.

4.5 If, however, the concerns have not been addressed to the satisfaction of the designated member of College staff, a further review period may be agreed, or the case will move to Stage 2 of the procedure.

4.6 The informal discussions, advice and any undertakings made by the College and/or the student should be documented and should be kept confidential to the designated person, the Senior Tutor and the student. A letter setting out what has been agreed should be given to the student. If the concern was raised by a member of the student’s Faculty or Department, the Senior Tutor will inform him or her that a discussion has taken place, and that action has been agreed to address his or her concerns.

4.7 If a student is unable or unwilling to co-operate, he or she should be informed that more formal action under Stage 2 of this procedure may be considered appropriate.

5. Stage 2 - College Case Review Group

5.1 If the action taken under Stage 1 has not been successful, or it is felt that the case is too serious to be dealt with informally, Stage 2 of the procedure will be invoked. The student’s Faculty or Department will be informed on a ‘need to know basis’ both that Stage 2 of the procedure has been invoked, and the reasons for this. The student’s Head of Faculty or Department or other nominated person, who might for example be the student’s supervisor in the case of a research student, will be invited to provide a written report on any concerns he/she has that might relate to the case review.

5.2 A meeting of a College Case Review Group will be convened by the Senior Tutor. The Group will be made up of the student’s Tutor and the Senior Tutor, and may include others as deemed appropriate by the Senior Tutor, including the College Director of Studies, or Faculty/Departmental representatives. The student may be accompanied to this meeting by a student or other friend or representative (eg from the Students’ Union Advice Service) and will notify the Senior Tutor 24 hours in advance whether he or she will be accompanied and, if so, by whom. The Senior Tutor may request that a representative from the Counselling Service or Disability Resource Centre also attend to advise the Group.
5.3 The Senior Tutor shall designate a member of the College as the point of contact with the student. The designated person will normally be the student’s Tutor, who should ensure that the Senior Tutor is kept informed of all communications. The Senior Tutor should be the main point of contact with all other agencies and individuals and should keep records of the whole process. The Senior Tutor should appoint a deputy if unavailable to act at any stage.

5.4 Before the meeting, an assessment may be sought from a qualified practitioner familiar with the HE environment and the spectrum of student difficulties, or from the University Occupational Health Service, Disability Resource Centre of University Counselling Service (e.g. a Mental Health Advisor) or other expert. The student will be encouraged to consent to this.

5.5 The assessment will form part of the material used to determine the following matters:
(a) the nature and extent of any condition from which the student may be suffering;
(b) the student’s prognosis;
(c) the extent to which it may affect his or her fitness to study and manage the demands of student life;
(d) any impact it may have or risk it may pose to others;
(e) whether any additional steps could reasonably be taken by the College, in light of any medical condition, to enable the student to study effectively; and
(f) whether the student will be receiving any ongoing medical treatment or support.

5.6 The student will be asked to authorise full disclosure to the College Case Review Group of the results of any medical examination. The College recognises that any such information disclosed will constitute "sensitive data" for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 and will be handled, processed and stored accordingly.

5.7 Should the student refuse to undertake an assessment, or to disclose its results, the College may continue this procedure based on the information already in its possession. In these circumstances—i.e. where the student refuses to undertake an assessment, or to disclose its results—the College may infer an increased level of risk to the student.

5.8 The student will be given at least 14 days’ notice of the convening of a College Case Review Group and informed of the purpose of the meeting. This period may be shortened in an emergency on the decision of the Senior Tutor. The student will also be provided with any documents that will be considered by the Group, and asked to provide any documentation he or she may wish the Group to consider at the meeting.

5.9 The student may be accompanied at the meeting by a Cambridge Students' Union representative, a fellow student, or other representative. A support worker may also accompany disabled students. The student should notify the Senior Tutor at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting if he or she is to be accompanied and by whom.

5.10 The purpose of the meeting will be to ensure that:
(a) the student is made fully aware of the nature of the concerns that have been raised;
(b) the student's views are heard and taken account of; and
(c) the student is fully aware of the possible outcomes if difficulties remain.
5.11 The Case Review Group will order its proceedings at its own discretion. If the student declines to attend the meeting of the Case Review Group it may still proceed, and outcomes will be communicated to the student in writing by the Senior Tutor.

5.12 The Case Review Group may decide:
(a) that no further action is required; or
(b) that one or more of the following actions should be taken:
   i) formally to monitor the student's progress for a specified period of time; and/or
   ii) to recommend that special academic arrangements or support are put in place; and/or
   iii) with the consent of the student, to agree that his or her studies be suspended for a period of time with appropriate application to the relevant University authority. Return to College would also be conditional on medical approval particularly from the College's psychiatric nurse;
   or
   (c) to refer the case to the University's Fitness to Study Panel, for consideration under Stage 3 of this procedure; or
   (d) in the case of a medical or veterinary student, refer the case for consideration under the University's Fitness to Practise procedures.

5.13 The Senior Tutor, as convenor, will record the decisions of the College Case Review Group and will communicate them to the student, and will ensure that any follow up action is taken.

5.14 If the student’s progress is to be monitored under (b)(i), an action plan will be agreed with the student, outlining any steps which the student will be required to take, and/or any support to be provided to the student. Regular review meetings with the student will be arranged with a nominated member of College staff, to ensure that the action plan is being appropriately followed and/or that reasonable support to enable the student to study effectively is being provided.

5.15 The student will also be informed of the consequences of any breaches of the action plan, which will normally involve his or her fitness to study being considered at Stage 3.

5.16 If it is recommended that special academic arrangements or support are put in place under (b)(ii), the details should be agreed with the student's Faculty or Department (and in the case of a research graduate student with his or her Research Supervisor) and by the student, and approved by the relevant University authority.

5.17 The student will be informed that unless these arrangements remedy the concerns to the College's satisfaction, and the satisfaction of his or her Faculty or Department if appropriate, his or her fitness to study may be considered at Stage 3 of these procedures.

5.18 The case will only be referred for consideration under Stage 3 of this procedure in the most serious of cases where, for example, evidence of a serious risk to either the health and safety of the student or others has been identified, and it is thought that suspension, exclusion or expulsion of the student may be the appropriate course of action, or where a particular course of action has been recommended but the student does not agree.
The decision of the Case Review Group, together with a record of the meeting, will be sent to the student by the Senior Tutor within 14 days from the date of the meeting, and a copy kept on the student’s personal file. A copy of this documentation will also be sent to the student’s Faculty or Department on a ‘need to know’ basis and, in the case of a PhD student, to his or her Supervisor.

6. Stage 3 - Fitness to Study Panel (formal consideration, conducted under the University’s Procedure to Determine Fitness to Study)

6.1 This stage of the procedure may be implemented as a result of a wide range of circumstances. These include, but are not restricted to, the following:

(a) a written referral from a Stage 2 Case Review Group; or
(b) if, after consultation with those involved in the case, in the opinion of the Senior Tutor or Head of Faculty or Department, initial concerns are raised in writing which are sufficiently serious as to warrant the consideration of the student’s suspension, exclusion or expulsion; or
(c) following a written referral from College or University disciplinary proceedings in the light of concerns about a student’s fitness to study; or
(d) where the student has refused or failed to co-operate with the procedures under Stage 2 and the Case Review Group consider that a referral to Stage 3 is appropriate; or
(e) the student’s academic performance or persistent behaviour is considered to be unacceptable and this is thought to be the result of an underlying problem which may mean he or she is not fit to study; or
(f) serious concerns arise about the student’s fitness to sit examinations or other assessment.

6.2 Under Stage 3, the matter is referred to the University and the procedure that will be followed to determine fitness to study will be that as set out in the University’s Statutes and Ordinances, here: [https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html](https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html). A copy of these can also be found in Appendix 13, below.

7. Return to Study

7.1 After a break in study as a result of fitness to study proceedings at Stages 2 or 3, the student may make a request to the University and his or her College for permission to return to the course. If the request is made after temporary exclusion by the University’s Fitness to Study Panel at Stage 3, the request to return will be considered in accordance to the procedures recommended by the Panel, as set out here, under ‘Return to study’: [https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html](https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html).

7.2 If the request is made as a result of proceedings at Stage 2, the student will only be permitted to return if, after receiving medical advice, the College and relevant University authority is satisfied that the individual is fit to study and able to comply with any conditions imposed for his or her return.
7.3 In cases where the College has any continuing concerns about the student’s fitness to study, it may require a second medical opinion. In this case a student may be asked to submit him- or herself for medical assessment, at the College’s expense, by doctors/specialists, including the University Mental Health Advisor, nominated by the College, to allow the situation to be properly evaluated. Where the College has continuing concerns regarding the student’s fitness to study, it may refer the case for further consideration to the College Case Review Group.

7.4 In any case where a student returns to study following the implementation of the fitness to study procedure, the College should hold a preliminary meeting with the student to discuss what support measures need to be put in place for the student’s return and establish a return to study plan. This initial meeting should include the student’s Tutor, the Senior Tutor and the Director of Studies.

7.5 At this meeting it is recommended that a schedule of regular review meetings with the student be agreed, in order to monitor and support a return to study plan.

7.6 If so, the student must provide their continued cooperation in this respect and such review meetings may continue for part of all of the remainder of his or her course and residency in College.

7.7 There should be a written record of what is agreed for the return to study plan and a copy given to the student.

7.8 The Senior Tutor should ensure that, where appropriate, a copy of the plan is sent to any support agencies who have agreed to help implement the plan, and that any necessary support from agencies external to the College is put in place.

7.9 The Senior Tutor should make arrangements for monitoring the delivery and acceptance of the support plan. If the student does not engage with the return to study plan, then it is likely that a Case Review Group will be required to assess the student’s fitness to study.

7.10 In the event that a student’s request to return to study is declined by the relevant University authority, the student will have a right of review under the review procedures for the decisions by that authority. Details of how to review a decision of the Fitness to Study Panel under Stage 3 can be found here: https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/2018/chapter02-section30.html#heading3-23, under the title ‘Review of decision of the Fitness to Study Panel’.

7.11 If the College declines the student’s request to return in circumstances where the University does not object to that request, the student may seek a review of that decision by a new Case Review Committee consisting of four Fellows with tutorial experience and who have had no previous involvement in the case under the chairmanship of the Warden. The procedure to be followed by this Case Review Committee will be that applicable to a Stage 2 review but the decision of this Committee will be final and is not subject to any further review.

7.12 In the event that the request is declined and the relevant University or College (as the case may be) procedures have been exhausted, a Completion of Proceedings letter will be issued at the conclusion of the proceedings, and the student may seek to have his or her case reviewed by the OIA.
8. General Matter

The College acknowledges that, as a result of implementing this procedure, it will receive personal sensitive data and data of a confidential nature pertaining to the student and other third parties, and shall ensure that all such data is handled, processed and stored accordingly.

APPENDIX

Crisis Situations

It is possible that a student may pose such an extreme risk to him-/herself and/or others that he/she requires emergency assistance outside these procedures.

In a situation where it is believed that a student’s behavior presents an immediate risk, the Emergency Services should be contacted by dialling 999.

The College Porters’ Lodge should be informed: 01223339100.

This should be followed up as soon as possible by notifying the Senior Tutor of the details of the incident and action taken.

The person witnessing the student’s behavior should not leave the scene until they have briefed the Emergency Services, bearing in mind the primary necessity to ensure their own safety.

The Porters’ Lodge will keep a record of the action taken by the Emergency Services and pass this on to the Senior Tutor. The Senior Tutor or nominee will ensure that contact is made at the appropriate level of detail with the student, the student’s Tutor and Director of Studies, or Supervisor in the case of graduates, and that appropriate arrangements are made with regard to follow up.

In the case of medical and veterinary students, incidents should be reported by the Senior Tutor to the Medical and Veterinary Progress Panel (Secretary: Ms Brenda Purkiss, bap11@medschl.cam.ac.uk) for advice as to whether there might be Fitness to Practice issues to consider.

Last reviewed April 2019
Date of Next Review As appropriate
PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE
FITNESS TO STUDY

Amended by Graces 3 of 27 June and 4 of 4 July 2018

Introduction

1. This procedure sets out the formal steps which will be taken by the University when there is concern that a student’s behaviour or health is seriously disrupting the welfare or academic progress of the student, or of others in the academic community, or has the potential to do so. It applies to all [matriculated] (registered) students.

2. The procedure should not be initiated until all avenues of local support have been explored and, in the case of disabled students, all reasonable adjustments have been determined and put in place, or declined (in whole or part) by the student.

3. Any action taken under this procedure will be limited to that necessary and proportionate to protect the best interests of the student, and other members of the University.

Circumstances under which this procedure may be implemented

4. A student’s fitness to study may be brought into question as a result of a wide range of circumstances. These include, but are not restricted to, the following:

(a) serious concerns about the student’s behaviour or health emerge which have not been resolved through College channels, and which indicate that there is a need to address the student’s fitness to study;

(b) behaviour that would otherwise be dealt with as a disciplinary matter, but might be the result of an underlying physical or mental condition which has not been resolved through informal support;

(c) the student’s academic performance or persistent behaviour is considered to be unacceptable and this is thought to be the result of an underlying problem which may mean he or she is not fit to study;

(d) serious concerns arise about the student’s fitness to sit examinations or other assessment.

Procedure for determining fitness to study

5. If staff within a student’s College or in any University institution have concerns regarding a student’s fitness to study they should normally first discuss them with the student’s Senior Tutor. The Senior Tutor is expected to try to resolve the matter under the College’s pastoral responsibilities and applicable processes and to ensure that an appropriate record of the handling of the matter within the College is made and retained.

6. If processes within a student’s College have not been successful in resolving satisfactorily concerns about the student’s fitness to study, for example, because of the severity of the problem and/or the student’s lack of
engagement with efforts to respond to it, or exceptionally where it is not considered appropriate for the College’s processes to be pursued first, the case may be referred to a Fitness to Study Panel. Procedures will be initiated by the Registrary following a written referral setting out the grounds for concern about the student’s fitness to study:

(a) from the student’s Head of Faculty or Department, or Senior Tutor;
(b) from the University Advocate; or
(c) from the General Board or the Board of Graduate Studies.

The Registrary may designate a deputy to act in her or his place in connection with this procedure, in which event any reference to the Registrary in this procedure shall be deemed to be a reference to such a deputy.

7. A Fitness to Study Panel shall comprise:

(a) a member of the Regent House who shall act as Chair;
(b) a Senior Tutor from a College other than that of the student concerned; and
(c) a medically qualified person.

8. Members of the Panel shall be appointed by the Registrary within 21 days of the receipt of a written referral under this procedure (or, in the case of a Panel being appointed to consider an application to resume study, within 21 days of the receipt of the application) from standing panels appointed by the University Council. No member of the Panel shall have any potential conflict of interest or previous involvement in the case. The Registrary shall also appoint a Secretary to the Panel.

9. In cases where a student’s condition or conduct gives rise to a need for immediate action, the student may be excluded from the University’s facilities and premises, or her or his access to such facilities and premises may be made subject to specified conditions, for periods of up to 21 days. The Registrary, in consultation with the student’s Senior Tutor and the Head of the student’s Faculty or Department, is empowered to make a determination under this provision in the first instance, with subsequent renewals and/or variations of the arrangements being determined by the Chair of the Panel appointed to consider the student’s case. Prior to determining whether arrangements should be renewed and/or varied, the Chair shall invite the student to make written representations and shall take into account any representations submitted by the student. The Chair shall have the discretion to revoke any exclusion under this Regulation.

10. The Panel will give preliminary consideration to any written referral made under this procedure to determine whether a prima facie case has been made to warrant further consideration under this procedure. If the Panel considers that there is no prima facie case it may decline to consider the case further, or may refer it for consideration under disciplinary or other procedures as it deems appropriate.

11. If any person has been or is liable to be prosecuted for an offence under the criminal law in respect of any conduct set out in a written referral under this procedure as giving cause for concern about a student’s fitness to study, or where such conduct warrants referral to an external agency, the Chair of a Fitness to Study Panel may stay all or part of the proceedings under this procedure for such period or periods as he or she may think fit.
12. The Chair will set a date for a formal meeting of the Fitness to Study Panel to hear the case, which date may be changed by the Chair if the circumstances require it.

13. The Secretary of the Panel shall give the student at least 14 days’ notice of the date of the meeting of the Fitness to Study Panel. The student will also be informed of the time, venue, and purpose of the hearing, and will be provided with any documents to be considered at the meeting. He or she will be invited to provide any documentation which he or she wishes the Panel to consider. The Secretary of the Panel will ensure that all parties have access to the same documents.

14. If the student is unable to attend the meeting, or declines to do so, the Panel may agree to proceed in the student’s absence.

15. The student may be accompanied and/or represented (including in her or his absence) at the meeting by a member of the Cambridge University Students’ Union or Graduate Union, a fellow student, her or his College Tutor or Senior Tutor, or other person approved by the Chair. A support worker may also accompany a disabled student. The student should notify the Secretary of the Panel at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting if he or she intends to attend the meeting and if he or she is to be accompanied and/or represented, and, if so, by whom. Where a student attends the meeting but is represented, the student may still be required to answer questions at the Chair’s discretion.

16. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the evidence available and to reach an appropriate decision, action plan, or other outcome. The student’s Senior Tutor and Head of Faculty or Department (as appropriate) will be requested to provide relevant written evidence to the Panel, and may be requested to attend at the Chair’s discretion. The Panel may request other specialist opinion, including medical reports or reports from other specialist advisers, and may also request to see documents and records resulting from consideration of the student’s case by the student’s College under its procedures. The Panel may ask the student to attend a consultation with an expert but the Panel may proceed to consider the student’s fitness to study notwithstanding a refusal or failure by the student to attend a consultation as requested. Subject to the express provisions of this procedure, the Chair shall otherwise have the power to regulate the arrangements for the provision of documentation and other evidence, as well as the conduct of the meeting.

17. The Panel shall make such decisions in respect of a student’s fitness to study as it considers necessary and proportionate. These decisions may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

(a) to suspend the student temporarily from the University and to determine the minimum period after which the University will consider an application to resume study, and what conditions, if any, must be met before an application to resume study may be made;
(b) to deprive the student of University membership and exclude her or him permanently from the University;
(c) to provide that the student’s access to University facilities and premises shall be subject to specified conditions;
(d) to refer the case for consideration under the University’s disciplinary procedures.
(e) in the case of a medical or veterinary student, to refer the case for consideration under the University’s Fitness to Practise procedures;
(f) to agree that no further action be taken by the University; and/or
(g) to make such recommendations, including to the student’s College, and/or direct such actions, in respect of the student, as the Panel thinks fit.

For the purposes of candidature for an examination or competition, any terms during which a student is temporarily suspended by the Panel will be disregarded in reckoning her or his standing.

Where a Panel decides that a student’s access to University facilities and premises shall be subject to specified conditions, the Panel shall stipulate arrangements for monitoring the student’s compliance with those conditions and for dealing with any alleged breach of those conditions on the part of the student.

18. The Fitness to Study Panel may make a decision by a simple majority.

19. The student, the Senior Tutor of her or his College, and the Head of her or his Faculty or Department shall be notified in writing of the decision of the Panel, with reasons, within 14 days of the meeting of the Panel.

Return to study

20. A student who has been temporarily suspended from the University under this procedure may make an application addressed to the Registrary for permission to resume study after such period and subject to meeting such conditions as may have been determined under Regulation 17(a) above. The application to return will be considered at the discretion of the Registrary either by the same Panel who made the decision temporarily to suspend the student or by a differently constituted Panel whose members have been appointed in accordance with Regulations 7 and 8 above. The application shall be heard at a meeting of the Panel, the arrangements for which shall be managed in accordance with Regulations 12 to 16 above, save that, if, having reviewed the student’s application and any documentation submitted with it, the Panel agrees that the student may be permitted to resume study either unconditionally or subject to specified conditions to which the student consents in writing, the Panel may proceed without a meeting.

21. The Panel shall make such decisions in respect of a student’s fitness to return to study as it considers necessary and proportionate. These decisions may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:
(a) to permit the student to resume study, subject (if the Panel considers it appropriate) to specified conditions, including in the case of a disabled student defining reasonable adjustments, as appropriate, to support the student in her or his study and examination;
(b) to refuse the application to resume study and to determine the minimum period after which the University will consider a further application to resume study, and what conditions, if any, must be met before such an application to resume study may be made;
(c) in the case of a medical or veterinary student, to refer the case for consideration under the University’s Fitness to Practise procedures;
(d) to deprive the student of University membership and exclude her or him permanently from the University; and/or
(e) to make such recommendations in respect of the student, including to the student’s College, as the Panel thinks fit.
Where a Panel has allowed a student to resume her or his studies, the Panel may, at the request of the student, allow a term of residence, put the student in standing for the purposes of examination, or agree such other academic arrangement as the Panel may think fit.

Where a Panel decides that a student’s resumption of studies shall be subject to specified conditions, the Panel shall stipulate arrangements for monitoring the student’s compliance with those conditions and for dealing with any alleged breach of those conditions on the part of the student.

**Review of decision of the Fitness to Study Panel**

22. A student may seek the review of a decision in relation to that student made by a Fitness to Study Panel.

23. A request for review shall be made in writing and sent to the Registrary within 21 days of written notification of the Panel’s decision (unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Registrary permits a longer period). The request for review shall specify the grounds for review which may be only one or more of the following:

(i) that there was material procedural irregularity in the consideration of the student’s case;
(ii) that there was bias or prejudice on the part of the Panel;
(iii) that the decision reached was perverse in that it was one which no reasonable Panel could have reached on the available evidence; and/or
(iv) that fresh material evidence is available, which was not available and/or presented for good reason at the time of the original meeting.

The request for review of a Fitness to Study outcome should be accompanied by supporting documentation.

24. The Registrary will appoint a reviewer chosen from a panel of reviewers appointed by the Council. Exceptionally, a panel of three reviewers may be appointed. If so, references below to the reviewer shall be construed accordingly.

25. The reviewer will consider the request for review, the documentation available to the Panel, and (where appropriate) the procedure of the Panel.

26. The reviewer, at her or his discretion, may hold a hearing and regulate arrangements for the conduct of the hearing.

27. The reviewer will issue an adjudication in writing as soon as possible, which shall normally be within one month of the receipt of the request for review or (if a hearing is held) within 14 days of the hearing. The reviewer shall have power to confirm, quash, or amend the decision of a Panel or refer it back to the same Panel or to a different constituted Panel (whose members shall be appointed in accordance with Regulations 7 and 8 above).

28. The reviewer’s adjudication is the final point of decision within the University.

29. A reviewer may summarily dismiss a request for review which seems to her or him to be vexatious or frivolous.
Footnotes

1. Under the Equality Act 2010 where a provision, criterion, or practice, a physical feature or the absence of an auxiliary aid puts a disabled student at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with students who are not disabled, the University is required to take such steps as it is reasonable to take to avoid the disadvantage.

2. In the case of students on inter-departmental courses referral may be by the Head of any of the Departments teaching the student.

3. The General Board has delegated authority to the Examination and Assessment Committee.

4. The text in angular brackets will replace the text in square brackets subject to the approval by Her Majesty in Council of the amendments of Statute approved by Grace 4 of 4 July 2018.
Appendix 14

Explanatory Outline of Disciplinary Procedures

1. There are two main routes of disciplinary procedures in college:
   a. The Dean
   b. The College’s Disciplinary Committee

2. In addition, a complaint may be raised before the University through the Office of Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals (OSCCA).

3. Breaches of the Disciplinary Code will normally be heard either by the Dean, or the Disciplinary Committee. This depends upon the seriousness of the matter complained about. If the Dean ‘forms the opinion that a disciplinary matter is so serious that it is appropriate that the Disciplinary Committee should meet’ the breach of the disciplinary code is referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

4. The Dean is likely to consider the matter to be sufficiently serious to require referral to the Disciplinary Committee where:
   a. The damage to college property is so severe that it would require a fine above the £500 fine limit that can be imposed by the Dean alone.
   b. That conduct of the student is so severe that it would require a punishment beyond that which the Dean is able to impose alone – e.g.
      i. 60 hours of community service
      ii. the suspension of residence for the rest of a term
      iii. the exclusion of a student from certain areas of college property (e.g. the college bar).
   c. Permanent exclusion of a junior member from College may be the most appropriate penalty
   d. Where there is widespread misconduct across the College, even if the behaviour of one particular individual does not merit a penalty beyond that which may be imposed by the Dean alone.

5. A complaint relating to harassment and sexual misconduct will normally be referred to OSCCA. NB the charge of harassment does NOT cover:
   a. Serious sexual misconduct
   b. Physical assault
   c. Rape
   As the college does not have the forensic facilities, skills, or powers necessary to investigate these matters, these MUST be referred either to OSCCA or to the police.
Complaints Procedure: The Dean

Complaint to the Dean of a breach of the Code of Discipline. This must be made in writing and signed by the person initiating the complaint.

Dean ensures that there is no 'reasonable possibility' that he or she may appear partial to a reasonable observer.

Yes - the complaint is referred to the Deputy Warden for investigation who follows the same procedure as the Dean.

No - the Dean investigates the facts and determines whether the matter is 'so serious' that it cannot be investigated by the Dean.

No - the matter is investigated by the Dean.

The Dean conducts a thorough investigation of the facts of the alleged breach of the Code of Discipline.

The Dean informs the Junior member(s) of the case which they have to ensure. This includes an account of all of the evidence relating to the alleged breach of the Code of Discipline.

The junior member has a full and adequate opportunity to answer the case against the junior member or to draw attention to mitigating factors.

The Dean communicates the outcome of the investigation to the junior member in writing.

Right of Appeal to the Disciplinary Committee. Notice of appeal has to be given to the Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee within seven days of receiving the decision of the Dean.
Complaints before the Disciplinary Committee

1. A matter may be referred directly to a Disciplinary Committee, or a Disciplinary Committee may hear an appeal from a decision of the Dean.

2. The Disciplinary Committee aims to be as informal as is possible, whilst ensuring fairness to all parties.

3. The meeting of the Committee is in private.

4. The proceedings are treated as confidential at all times, save that the when the hearing and any appeal has come to an end, the RCSA President is notified of the outcome of the proceedings and any sentence. The President of the RCSA shall report the outcome of the proceedings to the RCSA Committee. This notification is to be destroyed two years after the notification.

5. The Dean presents the case against the defendant.

6. The burden of proof lies with the Dean. The Committee operates on a presumption of innocence on the part of the defendant.

7. Both routes follow the same procedure set out on the following page.
Complaints before the Disciplinary Committee

- The Dean writes a letter to the student at least 10 days before the meeting.
- The letter shall include the nature and circumstances of the complaint.
- The letter shall include the nature, time and place of the alleged offence.

- The committee is composed of the Chairman and Four Fellows. The Warden selects the Fellows by the drawing of lots. The President of the RCSA may attend the drawing of lots.
- The defendant is given reasonable notice of the composition of the Committee and his or her right of objection to the composition of the Committee.
- Each defendant may object to a member of the Committee. The objection has to be in writing and made by midday of the day next but two of the day of the meeting of the Disciplinary Committee.

- The defendant has a right to appear in person before the hearing and may be accompanied by a member of College.
- At least five days before the hearing, the Dean shall provide the junior member and his or her representative with written statements of the evidence of the prosecution.
- The defendant's Tutor has a right to be present throughout the proceedings unless the Tutor is a witness or the junior member requests the Tutor's absence.

- The defendant or his or her representative may make a statement.
- The defendant may call witnesses and tender written evidence.
- The defendant or his or her representative may cross examine witnesses called by the Dean.

- The Committee informs the defendant of the outcome of the Disciplinary Committee.

- When the matter comes directly before the Committee, the defendant has a right of appeal to the Council. Notice of appeal must be given to the Warden in writing within seven days of the decision being communicated to the defendant.
- When the Disciplinary Committee hears an appeal from a decision of the Dean, there is no further right of appeal. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee’s statement of reasons must be sent to Council and to the defendant at least one week before the hearing.
- A meeting of the Council must take place within 14 days of the notice of appeal. A meeting of the Council is rehearing and the defendant has the same rights of defence as before a Disciplinary Committee.
- Members of the Council shall not include those who were on the Disciplinary Committee unless it is necessary to make the meeting of the Council quorate.
Complaints of breaches of the Code of Conduct on Student Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

1. The complainant may choose to raise a complaint through OSCCA, or to the college. When this is the case, the complaint will normally go to the Disciplinary Committee.

2. **NB** OSCCA is normally used for
   a. Complaints relating to sexual misconduct
   b. Complaints relating to conduct occurring in the context of University societies or sports clubs
   c. Complaints brought against students at two or more colleges

3. The charge of harassment **DOES NOT** cover cases of serious misconduct or rape. Where any member of the College wishes to allege conduct amounting to serious sexual misconduct or rape the College will provide pastoral care, guidance, and support, but will not investigate or bring charges in relation to the allegation itself. The proper investigating authority for these offences is the police. It may also be possible for these complaints to be raised before OSCCA.

4. The head of OSCCA will provide advice to help both the Complainant (the person raising the complaint) and the Respondent (the person accused of breaching the code of conduct on student harassment and sexual misconduct) to understand the procedure.

5. Both the Complainant and the Respondent have a right to be accompanied by a supporter at any meeting. The supported may be a tutor, a student representative or a friend.

6. Both the Complainant and the Respondent have a right to be accompanied by a legal representative.

7. The Complainant may seek a request for review of the outcome of OSCCA or the Sexual Assault Panel. This is to be made in writing and sent to the Registry within 15 working days of written notification of the decision. Any request for review must contain supporting documentation. The review can be on the grounds of
   a. Procedural irregularity
   b. Bias or prejudice on the part of the decision-maker
   c. Decision was perverse or one which no reasonable decision-maker could have reached on the available evidence
   d. Fresh material evidence is available which was not available, or not presented for good reason at the time of the original decision.

8. The reviewing body considers the request for review and may hold a hearing and regulate arrangements for conduct of the hearing. It will issue an adjudication as soon as possible and within 20 working days of the request for review and within 10 working days of any hearing.

9. The reviewing body may confirm, quash, or amend the original decision. It may also refer the decision back to the decision-maker for reconsideration.
Outline of OSCCA Procedures

Student initiates complaint in writing to the Head of OSCCA.

The complaint must be within three months of the events which are the subject of the complaint.

The Head of OSCCA, the Pro Vice Chancellor for Education and the Secretary of the Senior Tutors Committee consider the complaint. They must inform the Complainant of their decision in writing within 10 days of receipt of the complaint.

They may dismiss the complaint if it is without merit, vexatious, or frivolous.

They may reject the complaint if it falls outside the scope of OSCCA.

They may refer the complaint for investigation.

They may decline to investigate the complaint and recommend college procedures.

They may decline the complaint for other reasons.

An investigator is appointed. The investigator prepares a report setting out the undisputed facts of the case and points of difference. The investigator makes a recommendation based on the evidence and policies in place.

Before interviewing the respondent, the investigator must provide the respondent and his or her representative with sufficient information to understand the nature of the allegation.

This must include a broad summary of the evidence, the number and identities of those involved, the place and time when the alleged misconduct took place.

The respondent must be warned that the University may be required to provide evidence in court in any subsequent criminal proceedings.

The respondent must be reminded that they are entitled to seek independent legal advice.

The respondent must be provided with sufficient notice of the interview to be able to seek this advice if so wished.

Reference of the complaint for consideration by a Harassment and Sexual Assault Panel or OSCCA alone.

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Reference for consideration under the University’s disciplinary procedures.

Dismiss the complaint as without merit, vexatious, frivolous or malicious.

Conduct Agreement

Perform the complaint

Recommend that the Complainant and the Respondent seek alternative resolution.

Propose a resolution which must be agreed to by the Complainant and the Respondent. If not, it is referred to the University’s disciplinary procedures.

Respondent takes a period of intermission from study.

Respondent attend behaviour awareness training or workshops.

Conduct Agreement

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