



Fitzwilliam JCR
Fitzwilliam College's Junior Combination Room

**Official
Freshers'
Week
Timetable -
2018**



WELCOME!

Yet again we wish you (the latest cohort) a warm welcome to Fitz. This is your official timetable for Freshers' Week (29th September – 7th October) and includes JCR social events in addition to those put on by College. There is also a Freshers' Handbook which comes **STUFFED FULL** of useful information, so make sure you read up on that too. In general, you can take your pick of what to do, but events that College say you absolutely must attend are ***starred and underlined***. Updates will be put on <http://fitzjcr.com> as well as the JCR Facebook group, [Fitz Group](#), not to mention the 'Fitz Ents' and '[Official Fitzwilliam Freshers 2018](#)' Facebook pages, so definitely keep your eyes peeled for those.

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

Your Ents team and Freshers' Committee (fabulously pictured below) will be strongly present at the Fitz Societies Fair as well as other events during the week selling tickets for the freshers' events (details will be sent out soon!). These will include a T-shirt necessary for the legendary pub crawl and a ticket for what will undoubtedly be the highlight of your week (if not your life) and entry to club afterwards! They'll also be selling additional tickets giving you cheap entry into Cambridge's club nights. Below is this year's Freshers' committee and Ents' Team, and it's full of beautiful faces. They'll be around to help all week so don't hesitate to ask for help. On top of this there's also the rest of the lovely JCR, of which you should see most of us on the first day!



Andrew

Eve



Marc

Matthew



Poppy

Alex



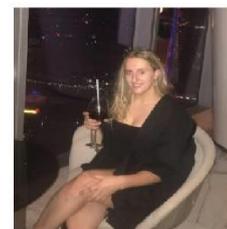
Anna

Bea



Clare

Ella



Emily



Irene

Joe



Lauren

Sachran



Thinesh

Yaron





Henry (Ents Officer)



Georgia (Ents Exec)



Emily (Ents Officer)

Freshers' week is all about having fun and getting to know people and your surroundings. A great deal of TLC has gone into organising your first week or so at Fitz so we really do hope that any person of any type can enjoy it. Whether you enjoy drinking (or not), like chilling about or like to get to know people, we have you covered.

Love,

Fitz Ents and Freshers' Committee!

(Instead of wasting this space, here are a few nice photos of Fitz taken during events or otherwise in the last year)



Rainbow flag flying high and PROUD above Fitz on 1st February for pride month.

Billy our wicker mascot looking resplendent in the Winter snow of 2017!



Doggy therapy day during Easter Term 2017

Saturday 29th September

- 10:30am – Late Meet and Greet – North and South Porters’ Lodges**
One of the Freshers’ or JCR committee members (look out for the flashy sweatshirts and T-shirts) will take you to pick up your room key and university card as well as sign your room contract (keep all of those safe!). They’ll then show you to your room and help you with your belongings should you need it. We’re a friendly bunch, so if you need any help at all - just ask!
- N.B. To make your arrival as swift as possible please get your parents to drop you off at Porter’s Lodge on Storey’s Way (South Plodge) where we will be ready and waiting with trolleys for all of your belongings! Once you have unloaded all of your belongings your parents will then pop down the road and park using the Madingley Road Park and Ride (it’s dead simple we promise) and be back at Fitz within minutes to help you unpack. Alternatively, you should be provided with a map showing parking available on the local residential streets. Please do ask any of us for help if you need it!
- 3pm – 4pm Tea with your corridor reps – Your Corridor**
Corridor reps are 2nd or 3rd years who have volunteered to help you settle in on the first day. They’re there to answer any questions you might have as well as help to get you set up on the university Wi-Fi, Hermes webmail and Raven (your Cambridge login). It’s really important to do this as key emails, such as your bill, will be sent in the first week of you being here. Remember your corridor reps as they can be a good way to get to know people in the year above as well as providing friendly faces around college.
- 4pm – 5pm Meet your Staircase – A & Y Stairs = Stretton Room, B Stair = Societies Room, C Stair = JCR
E Stair = TV Room, F Stair = Bar, M Stair = Upper Hall 1**
Your corridor reps will take you to the above places to give you a chance to socialise with your staircase. Be warned, there’ll be the ice-breakers you thought you left behind in school, so you might as well just embrace them.
- 5pm – 5:20pm *Meet your JCR – Reddaway Room***
In what will almost certainly be another highlight of your week, you’ll have the chance to meet us and get any remaining questions you have answered.
- 6pm – 7pm Dinner (or tea if you’re Northern) – Buttery**
Reward your hard work unpacking with some dinner, which will be held at this time throughout full term.
- 8pm – 9:15pm ‘Speed Friend-ing’ – Buttery**
You’ve met your corridor. You’ve met your staircase. Now it’s time to meet your year. Overseen by two glamorous speakers to make sure that there are no awkward moments (but this cannot be guaranteed...), get ready to meet a lot of people. Fast.
- 9:30pm – 11pm Freshers’ Social - Bar**
We realise it might be a bit too soon to have a boogie with people you barely know (trust us on that). Despite the speed friending, there’s always time to get to know more people. Meet us in the bar for an informal gathering and drinks at our dastardly reasonable prices. An event for all no matter your drinking persuasion!

Sunday 30th September

**11:30am –
1:30pm**

Meet the Family Brunch

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

Each year every fresher is assigned 'college parents' who are second or third year students already at Fitz and 'college sibling(s)' who will be other student(s) within your year. Your parents are there to help answer any niggling questions you may have prior to arrival and in general provide a great point of contact for all those small questions you think are too silly to ask anyone else. One of your parents should also study the same subject as you (or know someone close to them who does) so do pester them for essay help/notes/top tips – they've been there before and will want you to avoid any mistakes they made! Your parents will be in contact with you prior to your arrival and will let you know nearer the time what time they are heading to brunch to meet you – don't forget to **remind them**.

2pm – 4pm

Gown Sale – Upper Hall 1

One of the most Harry Potter-esque things about studying at Cambridge is that you will own a gown (unless you go to Churchill). You'll need one for tomorrow's Matriculation Dinner as well as for all formals, so don't forget to come along and buy one. New gowns will be a shade under £50 and second hand gowns around half the price. The number of second hand gowns is limited so if you are looking to get one please arrive early. Gowns can be paid for by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Fitzwilliam College Junior Members Association' and should have your full name on the reverse side.

2pm – 4pm

Fitz Societies Fair – Upper Hall 2

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

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

? – 4PM

Hill Colleges Garden Party

After you've been to buy your gown and see what opportunities are on offer, why not head to Churchill for a Hill Colleges Garden Party. We're a separate community up the hill so it may be nice to go along and see what the rest of this end of Cambridge is all about.

6:00pm

'Come and Sing' Welcome Service

Come along to the Chapel for the first of the term's Sunday Services. We have a new chaplain at Fitz so be sure to give them a warm welcome too as I'm sure they will also give you one!

The Chapel is a wonderful building, but the people make it what it is! We are welcoming to all faiths. We have regular Sunday worship at 9:30am and 6:30pm in term-time, and midweek, which is Christian in tradition, but we hope to meet together at different times to support those exploring faith matters, or anyone who has no faith at all! The Chapel has a choir for those who like to sing, and we welcome all musicians. We are open to starting discussion groups and events or trips, so let us know what interests you and what you would like to see provided by Chaplaincy in the college.

7:30pm – Late

Bar Crawl and Club – Meet in Bar

A favourite for Freshers and non-Freshers alike whether you drink or not, this will be your first taste of Cambridge nightlife - and boy is it **unique!** Make sure you've grabbed a Freshers' Pack from committee members; t-shirts are needed for entry not just memorabilia. This year we'll be touting a

few pubs and bars on the way down into town, ending the crawl in Cindies for your first round of the Circle of Life (and certainly not the last)!

**7pm,
Impronauts at
9PM.**

Board Games and Impronauts Night – JCR

If bar crawls, graffitied t-shirts and parties aren't your thing then join some of the JCR for an exciting evening of board games in the JCR. It will be very relaxed and casual. We have a selection of board games in the JCR but you're welcome to bring your own. (We also have table football and pool which are free to use any time in the JCR.) Alongside this, the Welfare Team have lovingly organised for the Cambridge Impronauts to come and do their thing! If you're not one for drinking then don't miss out on this.

Monday 1st October

9am – 5:30pm

DoS/ Tutor Introductions – Various Locations

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

**10:30am –
12.15pm**

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

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

**Organised by
subject**

Study Skills Workshops and Library Induction

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

4pm – 5pm

Cycling Safety seminar in Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre

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

**6:20pm –
6:50pm**

Fitzwilliam: A Brief History – Auditorium

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

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

**6:50pm –
7:30pm**

Pre Dinner Drinks with your Tutor – Upper Hall 1

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

**7:30pm –
9:30pm**

Matriculation Dinner – Hall

***Formal wear and gowns**

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

9:30pm – 11pm

Fitz Sessions and Jazz Night – Bar

Fitz sessions is one of the most underrated nights in the Ents calendar. Following matriculation dinner, you'll deserve a relaxed evening of great singing and live music. For any singers or musicians amongst you: if you want to perform please shoot Ents Team a message.

Make sure to get a good night's sleep. Your matriculation photo will be taken in the morning and it'll probably be framed on your mantelpiece for years to come. And don't hide your arms behind your gown sleeves... you've been warned!

Tuesday 2nd October

From 10:45am *Matriculation – Auditorium*

***Formal wear and gowns**

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

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

M – Z 11.00am

A – L 11.15am

Please be on time.

11:45am *Matriculation Photograph – Fellows Lawn*

***Formal wear and gowns**

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

Afternoon **Punting at Scudamore's**

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

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

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

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

TBC – *Cycling Safety seminar in Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre*

**Preliminarily at
4pm – 5pm**

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

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

This should hopefully be the night to remember in Freshers' week. A hired out and sold out event, we convert the auditorium into a scene unrecognisable from the morning. The theme this time is **Galactic**, so make sure you dress accordingly – or not... The headliners are Colonel Spankey's – a huge one and guarantees to sell out with talented DJs to plug the gap. The freshers from the other Hill Colleges (Medwards and Churchill) amongst others will be there, will you? Cheap drinks, cheesy moves and great fun are guaranteed – blink and the tickets will go!

Wednesday 3rd October

- All day** **CUSU Freshers' Fair – Parker's Piece & Kelsey Kerridge**
If you didn't get a chance to get to the fair on Tuesday, it's on again all day today.
- All day** **Boat Club Novice Open Day & BBQ – Fitz Boathouse**
So you've signed up for rowing at the Fitz Societies Fair but you have no idea what it's about? No worries. Here you'll be able to socialise with the boaties over a BBQ then burn off those calories by getting in a boat with some seniors and giving it a try yourself. There'll be a walking/cycling party heading to the boathouse at 10:45am, but feel free to drop in at any time during the day.
- 11am – 2pm** **Registration with Huntingdon Road Surgery – Walker Room 21**
It's really important that you register with your nearest Surgery (literally a 5 minute walk towards town) in the case that you do need a GP. You'll be able to do this in College. If not, you'll have to go there in your own time.
- All day** **Punting at Scudamore's**
Another chance to go punting along the Backs if you've got an hour free.
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- 7:30pm (for an** **Pub Quiz – Bar/Buttery**
7:45pm start) – We expect you already know how quizzes work. You might even think you're quite good at them.
9:30pm But you have never done a Cambridge pub quiz. A quiz where the competitive streak that everyone tries to hide in the name of 'making friends' is revealed when you desperately try to remember the name of every member of S Club 7. The Stakes are high, but at the end of the day it's only a quiz... right?
- 10pm** **Club Night at Cindies – Meet in Bar**
Cindies (officially called Ballare) is probably Cambridge's most popular club and is **definitely** its cheesiest, playing a combination of recent chart hits, 90s pop and even the occasional Disney number (Lion King anyone?). Students tend to flock here on a regular basis and tonight will be one of the busiest nights of term – fear not we've got tickets available so nobody is left behind!

Thursday 4th October

- All day** **Lectures begin!**
Oddly, Cambridge weeks begin on Thursdays. Time to get used to the monotony, we hope you have a great first day of *official* lectures!
- 8 – 10:30 PM** **Film and Pizza Night - JCR**
You've had some lectures today, it's time to reward yourself, right? Right! Food will be provided but feel welcome to bring your own food and drink if you want to. The film choices will be given in advance so keep your eyes peeled to vote for what you want!

Friday 5th October

- All day** **Lectures continue**
- TBC** **Cinema Trip**
Last night was just a warm up! It's time to go into town and watch a film this time. A walking party will commence in the evening where you will be taken to a local cinema/picturehouse. Even in Cambridge, it's irresistible not to set aside some time for some films after a hard day's work!
- 10:pm** **Night at Life – Meet in Bar**
If you're looking for another night out, head down to Life – also known as Kuda!

Saturday 6th October

- Morning** **Lectures continue**
For scientists the lectures continue. For arts students, a lie in will probably be in order.
- 11:30am – 1:30pm** **Brunch - Buttery**
Brunch takes place every Saturday in Hall, but it plays such an important role in Fitz's food calendar that we had to include it in the timetable (again) to make sure you don't miss out!
- Afternoon (multiple sessions)** ***Welfare and Consent Workshops***
There will be several mandatory half hour workshops over this weekend and the next to discuss relationships and sexual consent. Please be aware that these sessions will cover sensitive topics – if you have any concerns it is important that you contact the Women's Campaign or LGBT+ Officers (you can find their contact details on the JCR website) prior to the workshop. Attendance groups will be assigned at random and you'll be contacted by the Women's and LGBT+ Officers by email (using your CRSid account) with plenty of notice.
- 6pm** **Staircase Dinners**
One week since the infamous speed-friending, corridor and staircase interaction, it's time to strengthen those bonds and get off to dinner. Organised by your corridor reps, head off into town and really get to know those living around you for the next year! Remember to sign up on Saturday 29th!
- 10pm – 12am** **Bop, ft. MCR**
You may have matriculated on Tuesday but today is that emotional moment for the Graduates of the College and in celebration you have been invited to their bop. This is a rare opportunity to mingle with the fancy MCR (Middle Combination Room – the body that represents the Grads) who you'll inevitably see around. There's good and bad news. The bad - unfortunately there's no fancy dress. However, there will be karaoke, drinks and chart-toppers from all around the world amidst other delights.

Sunday 7th October

**11:30am –
1:30pm**

Brunch - Buttery

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

**Multiple
Sessions**

Welfare and Consent Workshops

**Afternoon –
Time TBC**

Coffee Shop Crawl – Meet Café

Come with us on a magical walk through the streets of Cambridge for a lovely and relaxing coffee and café shop crawl. A great way to rejuvenate some energy after a tiring week and a great way to get a proper look at Cambridge – something which you may take for granted when your term is in full swing.

Beyond Freshers' Week

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

Wednesday 10th/Thursday 11th October – 7:30pm	Family Superhall (with Bop on Thursday) Your first Superhall and a chance to get to know your College parents as well as your new brother or sister over a meal in formal hall. The best bit? The meal's on them (they'll also let you know what day they've booked you onto). As we don't yet think you've had enough fancy dress, the theme is FAMOUS FAMILIES *shock/surprise*. You can stretch that as far as you like. In previous years there's been everything from Monopoly Properties to Teletubbies. No matter what day you're eating, join us at the bop after Thursday's Superhall.
Around Halloween – 7:30pm	Halloween Superhall and Bop The last Superhall of term, look out for more information soon.
Saturday 10th November – 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fitzwilliam Careers Fair – Buttery Do you want friendly answers to your career questions, plus advice on how to secure that graduate job, internship or spring week placement? Around 40 Fitz alumni representing a wide range of jobs will be coming back to the College for the Careers Fair to chat to Fitz students about what they do. This special annual event is a relaxed and informal opportunity to find out more about what different jobs are like, so make sure you drop in! There's no need to book, and free tea and biscuits will be on offer.
Various	Fitz Sessions A fantastic night of live music and performances in the bar. A few times a year, everyone gathers to watch Fitz's musical and comedic talent (with a few acts brought in from around Cambridge). Barbershop, acoustic, Indie-pop bands, poetry and comedy etc. are all welcome to perform on a night not to miss.
End of term	Fitzmas Fitz puts its own spin on Christmas. Expect Christmas Dinner and karaoke. Expect special 'guest' singers! Winter Ball Not the JCR's jurisdiction but keep your eyes peeled for tickets and info on our biannual ball, an all-night event of fun and possible debauchery, this will likely be the highlight of your first term!
Beginning of Lent term	Re-Freshers' Week Relive those golden moments once again. Club Nights From Wednesday Cindies, Friday and Sunday Life, 'Dangerspoons', Thursday Lola's or more... keep your eye out for exciting nights out on the town during term

Payments!

As mentioned at the start members of the Fresher's Committee will be around all week for any of questions and for buying tickets outside the buttery. We also wanted to point out that the tickets bought have been purchased by us at a discounted price where possible, in order to give you the best deal!

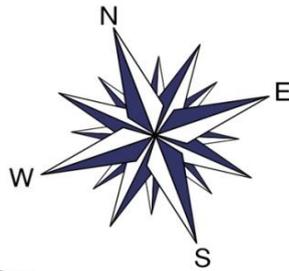
Any profit that we do make goes back into the Ents and JCR budget to spend on even better events and things around college!

This year we're working on enabling you to pre-buy tickets a couple of weeks before term starts or when you arrive at Fitz by bank transfer rather than cash using circle for most events and Q-Pay for Fitz Up Look Sharp (FULS - watch out for emails and social media posts for more details!). If you'd still prefer to pay in cash once you arrive, that's absolutely fine.

There'll be a stall outside the buttery where we'll be selling all the same tickets then. Where possible, please try to have the correct change/smaller notes!

This way to:

- Girton - 7min cycle/20min walk
- Oxford Road - 2min cycle/5min walk

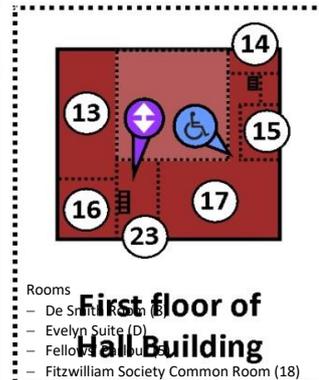


This way to:

- Town centre - 7min cycle/15min walk
- Aldi/Co-op/Iceland/Dominos - 2min cycle/5min walk
- Huntington Road Surgery - 1min cycle/3min walk
- New Museums/Downing Site - 10min cycle/20min walk



Five-minute walk to Magdalene Bridge



- Rooms**
- De Smet Room (13)
 - Evelyn Suite (D)
 - Fellows' Hall (14)
 - Fitzwilliam Society Common Room (18)
 - Gaskoin Room (15)
 - Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre (19)
 - Music Room & Practice Room (14)
 - Norman Pounds Special Collection Room (Library)
 - Upper Hall 1 (16)
 - Upper Hall 2 (13)
 - Old Senior Common Room (10)
 - Ray Kelly Reading Room (Library)
 - Reddaway Room (17)
 - Reddaway Landing (23)
 - Skillington Study Room (Library)
 - Stapleton Room (The Grove)
 - Stretton Room (O)
 - Trust Room (L)
 - Walker Rooms 11 & 21 (upstairs) (22)
 - Walter Grave Room (11)
 - William Thatcher Room (20)
 - Wilson Court common room (20)
 - Wilson Court seminar rooms (20)
 - Writing Room (7)

- Offices**
- Accommodation & Housekeeping (K)
 - Admissions (Grad & Undergrad) (L)
 - Bursar (W)
 - Bursary (W)
 - College Events Co-ordinator (I)
 - Communications (U)
 - Conferences & Catering Manager (24)
 - Events & Conferences (I)
 - Dean (The Grove)
 - Development (V)
 - Domestic Bursar (I)
 - IT (U)
 - Maintenance (4)
 - Master (The Grove)
 - Master's Secretary (The Grove)
 - North Lodge (1)
 - Main Porters' Lodge (22)
 - Senior Tutor (The Grove)
 - Senior Tutor's Secretary (The Grove)
 - Tutorial (Grad & Undergrad) (L)

- Facilities**
- Buttery (3)
 - Cafe Bar (12)
 - Computer rooms (Library)
 - Dark room (6)
 - Dining Hall (Hall Building)
 - Gym (21)
 - Kitchens (2)
 - Laundry (F)
 - Linen room (K)
 - Middle Combination Room (The Grove)
 - Screens / Notice boards (9)
 - Senior Combination Room (The Grove)
 - Squash courts (21)
 - Supervision rooms 1 & 2 (D)

- Toilets**
- Disabled toilet**
- Lift**
- Taxi freephone**

This way to:

- West Cambridge Site (physics, materials science, astronomy, vetmed) - 7min cycle/15min walk

This way to:

- Sidgwick Site - 7min cycle/15min walk
- West Road (maths, physics) - 5min cycle/10min walk

South Entrance

10 minute walk to The Backs