

WELCOME TO PEMBROKE!

We hope you're excited for Freshers Week and for an amazing upcoming year! This document collects information you might find useful as you get settled in. We're looking forward to meeting you!

~Your Graduate Parlour Committee (GPC)



Acronym Madness

Bop: Party

Bedder: Cleaner. Will enter your room once weekly to vacuum and clean (but not, in fact, make your bed).

Boatie: people who love to row (crew)

Bumps: traditional boat races which are particular to Cambridge

Camcard: University Card

CRSiD: First bit of your University email, i.e. the 'abc123' part of abc123@cam.ac.uk. Also called Raven ID

CUSU: Cambridge University Student Union

Full Term: 8 week stretches when the university is in full swing. More notable for undergrad and taught courses. This is when lectures occur and (in Pembroke) formal hall is served every night.

GPC: Graduate Parlour Committee (College Student Union)

GP: Graduate Parlour (Common room)

GP: General Practitioner (Medical Doctor)

JCR: Junior Common Room. Undergraduate community and Common Room in other colleges.

JP: Junior Parlour (also where the Bar is)

May Week: a week in June after exams have finished in which lots of parties and events are held

MCR: Middle Combination Room. Graduate community and Common Room in other colleges.

NHS: National Health Service

Plodge: Porters' Lodge

Pidge: Pigeon hole (mail room)

Porter: a guardian of the College. Your first point of call for any queries.

Puboard: Pub Cupboard (bar) located in the GP and opened around formal dinners and GPC events

Trough: Canteen (AKA 'Buttery')

Valencian: A member of Pembroke College



Phone Contracts

All mobile networks in the UK offer sim only plans which can be used in an unlocked phone. The main networks are EE (Everything Everywhere), O2, Vodafone and 3/Three

Urban areas of the UK have good 4G mobile coverage, however the number of very thick stone walls in Cambridge means only 2G signals can reliably provide coverage inside many buildings. The network '[3 / Three](#)' provides only >3G signal and may students report being unable to use their phones inside of Pembroke.

For those not wishing to be tied to a long term contract Pay as You Go options are available on all networks. However [GiffGaff](#) (which runs on the O2 network) is popular at providing the best value, allowing pay as you go credit to be converted to 'contract-like' month long minute, text and data allowances.



Bank Accounts

To open a bank account, you can use Pembroke college as your main address. You will need a proof of residence which is NOT your acceptance letter to Cambridge. This proof of residence can be obtained from Becky Coombs (see contacts, below) as a "bank letter" and covers your UK address, your home address and details of your course. You will also need your ID.

A general consensus for a bank recommendation is [Barclays](#) who have no fees for international students. We recommend making an appointment as soon as possible, as the banks get very busy at the beginning of Michaelmas term. Barclays allows you to fill in an initial application online, and then schedule an "in-person" appointment in advance.



Meals / Food / Drink

Menus are published daily here: <http://thepembrokekitchen.blogspot.co.uk/>

Term Time Buttery Opening Hours

- Mon-Fri 8am to 10am Cooked **Breakfast** (also out-of-term)
- Mon-Fri 11.45am to 1.30pm **Lunch** (noon to 1.30pm out-of-term/summer)
- Mon-Sun 5.45pm to 6.45pm **Dinner** (during term time and summer break, 6.00 to 6.45 out-of-term, no dinner Saturday evening during summer break)
- Sat-Sun 10.00am to 1.15pm **Brunch** (all year except for certain College events)

If you pay KFC then you can use your CamCard to pay for meals in trough, but if you don't then you can use cash (which is more expensive). There is also the JP cafe which serves lunch items and snacks and coffee in the afternoons on weekdays. It is open every night for drinks. If you would prefer to make your own food, then the nearest large supermarket is Sainsburys on Sidney Sussex St. Most grads eat their meals in the GP. There are free tea/coffee/biscuits in the GP, and soft and alcoholic drinks for a small charge, available from the puboard.



Food within college can be purchased with an account linked to your Camcard. Your account initially starts with a £0 balance and when you purchase items in trough or the JP cafe these will be subtracted to give you a negative balance. The lowest your balance can go is -£100. You will then have to pay some of this off to be able to purchase more items. At the end of each term whatever negative amount was on your card will be added to your college bill, and any positive amount will be credited. In this way it is a little bit like a credit card (exclusively for Pembroke) with an £100 limit. You can 'top up' your card through Upay using your full university email (not just your crsid - abc123@cam.ac.uk) and password (provided). On this website you can check your card balance, make top ups (using your personal debit card) and purchase tickets to formal dinners ('formals'). If you don't have a debit card or wish to top up with cash, you can do so in the Finance Office. On Upay you can set up automatic top ups so that you aren't caught out at the till in trough. Alternatively you can add money to your card with cash at the tills in trough.

Not everybody has upay - (if you don't live in college accommodation, you can ask to not pay for the Kitchen Fixed Charge KFC, and therefore don't have upay) - in this case you can ask friends to book formal tickets for you, or go into the Porters lodge where there is a machine. It also means that you can't use your card in trough. If you want to opt out of paying KFC (approx £150 per term), then ask Becky Coombs.



Formal Hall / BA Dinner

Formal Hall is a 3-course dinner in the Hall which happens every evening during full term at 7.30pm (arrive from 7pm onwards). Water is provided, but bring your own wine. Dress code is black tie, and **gowns are required**. Tickets must be booked in advance (see upay section above), and go on sale 1 week before the event.

BA dinner is a formal dinner which happens every Thursday evening for graduates (and 4th year undergrads) only. They are usually in the Old Library, but occasionally are held in the Hall. The dress code is always black tie, but **gowns are NOT required**. (However, for the first and last BA dinner of the year, gowns might be required - we will be notified by the College Butler.) Again, tickets must be booked in advance. Drinks are normally served before and after in the GP.

You are not supposed to remove your gown or suit jacket at any time during the dinner, and can be told off by the College Butler for doing so.



Gowns

Gowns can be rented or bought from [Ryder and Amies](#) or [Ede and Ravenscroft](#). If you think you use your gown fairly often, then you can purchase one second hand from the Porters (limited supply) or the [Graduate Union](#).

There are several rules concerning which type of gown you are allowed to wear, depending on your age and previous degree status. Check out the [Graduate Union's Gown Guide](#) (including a very helpful flowchart) to find out what type of gown you need.

<http://www.gradunion.cam.ac.uk/facilities/gown-shop/gown-guide>



College Contacts

- **Emergency services** (999) and then the porters lodge should be the first point of call for any emergencies.
- **Becky Coombs**, College Registrar and Rooms' Tutor, Office in LL. She deals with college accommodation and is very helpful if you have problems with this. becky.coombs@pem.cam.ac.uk
- **Moira Hassett**, College Registrar's Assistant, Office in LL. Similar to above, very helpful with general college queries as well. Moira.Hassett@pem.cam.ac.uk
- **Michaela Koseoglu**, Student Finance Officer, Office in L. Deals with college bills and is very helpful with queries. Michaela.Koseoglu@pem.cam.ac.uk
- **Pat Aske**, Librarian. Helpful with library queries, there are often tours of the library in the first few weeks of Michaelmas term. library@pem.cam.ac.uk
- **Jan Brighting**, College Nurse, Office in G10. Contact her with any medical queries or for advice: jan.brighting@pem.cam.ac.uk
- **Savino Cafagna**, College Butler: helpful about Formal Hall tickets questions and special diet requests queries: kib@pem.cam.ac.uk
- **IT department**: help@pem.cam.ac.uk
- **Maintenance**: <http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/current-students/facilities-and-activities/reporting-a-problem/report-a-maintenance-issue/>
- **The GPC**: gp@pem.cam.ac.uk



Recycling

In each staircase or hostel there are black recycling boxes - these will be emptied once a fortnight by the staircase/hostel firewarden/hostel keeper. Most items which are suitable for recycling will have a recycling symbol on them.

See separate recycling document for more detailed info!



Internet

How to connect to the wifi:

The College uses the College-wide wireless system called **PEM-Member** and the academic-wide system called **Eduroam**. This is a world wide system to allow academics to connect to the internet in any institution. There is extensive eduroam coverage around the city and in all libraries. For more information on connecting to the Eduroam network, please see the University Computing Service's wireless webpage: <http://www.cam.ac.uk/cs/wireless/>.

PEM-Member is a network specific to Pembroke College and it's hostels. Only registered devices can access this network. Devices will be de-registered yearly and must be individually re-registered. To connect to the college PEM-Member network, enter the password 'ad0615f1d0'. Once you have joined this network, you need to register your device by browsing to <https://register.pem.cam.ac.uk>.



Local Discounts

- **Nanna Mexico Student Mondays** - <http://www.nannamexico.com/student-day>
- **Punting** - Pembroke is a member of Scudamore's Student Punt Scheme. This gives Pembroke students generous discounts on hiring punts, canoes, rowboats and kayaks from 'Scudamore's Punting Company (off Mill Lane). Make sure you bring some Pembroke identification to Scudamore's to take advantage of these discounts. For more information, visit <http://www.scudamores.com/student-punt-scheme>
- **16-25 Railcard** - For discounts on rail fares throughout the U.K. You can get this even if you are over 25, as long as you are a student. For more, see: <http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/>
- **Cambridge Botanical Gardens** - free entry with your Camcard. See: <http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/Botanic/Page.aspx?p=27&ix=2762&pid=2717&prcid=4&ppid=2717>
- **NUS Extra Card** - Gives discounts in many stores, including supermarkets (i.e. Co-op). See: <http://www.nus.org.uk/en/nus-extra/>
- A further HUGE list of local discounts can be found here: <http://www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/pay-benefits/cambens-employee-benefits/local-discounts>



TV / NetFlix

There are three televisions in Pembroke; one in the NCR, one in the TV room (small door opposite the JP) and one in the GP. People are welcome to use these whenever they wish (within reason due to noise levels as there are student rooms near them) and people will often gather to watch sports or popular shows (Game of Thrones, The Great British Bake Off). If you wish to watch live television or BBC iPlayer (the BBC's 'catch up' online service) privately in your room you will have to apply for a TV license which costs £145.50. Alternatively many TV channels provide many of their shows online after the first broadcast, or NetFlix is £7-8/month subscription. The GP also has a NetFlix account which can be watched on the TV in the GP.

See separate TV Manual in the GP for more detailed info!



Who are the GPC?

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Getting Around Pembroke

